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President's Message Frank Dignan

Hello everybody Frank here where to start Greenbergs was a success for Northeast NTRAK . We were able to fill our 16+44 foot space it was a little tight on the inside due to the new configuration but we can live with it. Showing for the first time was Geoff Smiths new module a snow scene from the state of Maine something not usually modeled there was even a shot of it on Facebook thanks to Sheila Suits. Another new module made its first showing was Bob Falliers, European passenger station it is hard to believe this module was only started last August .Great work guys a nice addition to Northeast Ntrak. One Problem we had is we are missing about 30 feet of skirting if you have any idea where it might be please take a look around before we have to replace the missing. Now I would like to thank the members bringing modules John Doehring =12 ft Bob Fallier=14ft Roland Kelley-10ft Larry Lockwood=8ft Carl Mesrobian=7ft George Michaels=3con Bob Pawlak =12 ft Dan Pawling=6ft end loop and 3ft junction . Devin Afshin=4ft and I had the Mike Walker = 3 c . This was also the first time in a long time Mark Ferracane was not in attendance {working} and also the return of our friend Jack Brown. I also want to thank those that operated trains over the weekend there were plenty of trains running. Want to also thank John Doehring for taking up the challenge of getting the new members shirts he had them at the show, Left behind at the show was a black and gold mag flash light and a Micro Train Alantic Coast Box car missing wheel set. Springfield oh boy as you all know by now there will be two Ntrak layouts this year in different buildings we will be in the same location as usual we are going to need as many modules to fill the 30+70 space . We are planning many changes this year with the use of the end loops the one track modules and we are also expanding the use of our DCC to red and blue lines now that George Michaels has a better understanding of our system . So we are going to need every module we can get Dan Pawling is the coordinator help him out and call early .I know the Maine two trak will be with us I operated with them last weekend at Malbrough thanks guys . Something to think about I know its early but Larry Lockwood has offered his place for the annual business meeting in Millbury when he returns from Florida . That's it have a happy holiday season and ill see you in Springfield.

Winterfest 2015 Coming Soon.....January 23-25, 2015

Ahh, the sounds of Winter. (you need to sing along) Snow-flakes are falling and train whistles calling, It's the most wonderful time of the year.... You can hear people singing and engine bells ringing, It's the most wonderful time of the Year...!

Which means that it must be Winterfest Time! Yes boys and girls, just a few short weeks away and we gather again in Springfield for some holiday cheer, and what better time for running trains! Lots and lots of trains. Big trains, short trains, any and all trains. But wait, even better... this year there will be more opportunities to run your favorite trains or break in new engines because this year there will be Two Ginormous N-Trak layouts where you can play.

Check out the Information Letter on the Northeast N-Trak 2015 Winterfest web pages for all the updates and changes. There are some new contest rules for models, and you can choose whether to have your module in the Better Living Center or the new location in the Mallary building. But remember...you must be registered in order to have your module(s) or models included.

Happy Rails, Bob Fallier
N-Trak Winterfest Chairman

2014-2015 NENtrak SHOW PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

Jan 23-25, 2015 Winterfest, Springfield, MA Amherst Railway Society - Big Railroad Hobby Show

Big "E" Exposition Center, West Springfield, MA

Set-up: Fri noon to 5:00pm & Sat 7:00am to 9:00am

Show Sat 9:00am to 5:00pm - Sun 10:00am to 5:00pm

Layout Coordinator: Dan Pawling Jr., 617-244-5261

Winterfest Co-Chairman: Bob Fallier - 603-465-3785

Feb 14-15, 2015 National Heritage Museum, Lexington, MA

Set-up: Fri 1:00pm - 4:30pm & Sat 7:30am to 10:00am

Show Sat 10:00am to 4:30pm - Sun noon to 4:00pm

Coordinator: Bob Pawlak - 781-862-2485

March 21-22, 2015 Great Train Expo, Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington, MA

Set-up: Fri 1:00pm to 5:00 pm - Sat 7:30am

Show Sat 10:00am to 4:00pm - Sun 10:00am to 4:00pm

Coordinator: Frank Dignan - 508-866-9660

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

Modified T-TRAK Specification By Fay Chin

While displaying my T-TRAK layout at the Concord NH train show, HUB Division train show, Pepperell Siding train show, and the North Shore Club train show, I had many requests for the T-TRAK specification. I have included a few photos from the shows below. I found the National T-TRAK standard 12-1/8" x 8-1/4" straight module was limited in size for tracks, scenery, and structures. I decided to double the length to 24-5/16" by 14" depth by 2-3/4" height (top of module excluding track) and stay within specification. Going with 14" depth, it allowed more scenery and a gap at the back of the module for skyboard, if you choose one. I also decided to use the National Standard "Alternate" corner with dimensions 14-3/8" x 14-3/8" which has two parallel tracks. The National Standard "Alternate" corner outside curve radius is 12" and an inside 11" curve radius. You might ask why the odd dimensions; it is because Kato tracks are metric and the T-TRAK modules are built to the tracks which minimize track cutting. To save in material cost, I decided not to use adjustable bolts and hardware at the module corners to level the modules. The modules can be built with 1/2" plywood sides and 1/4" plywood top surface for rigidity and ease of construction. I also built a pair of inside corners that will allow different layout configurations such as "L" and "U" shape layouts. I have attached a modified version of the T-TRAK specification and example layouts. Feel free to contact me at faywchin@gmail.com if you have any questions. Consider building some T-TRAK modules and join me at future shows.



HUB Division, Palmer MA



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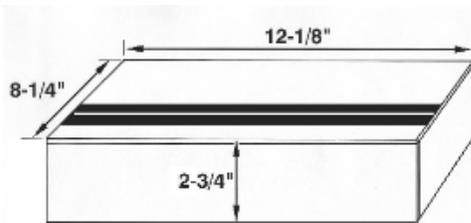
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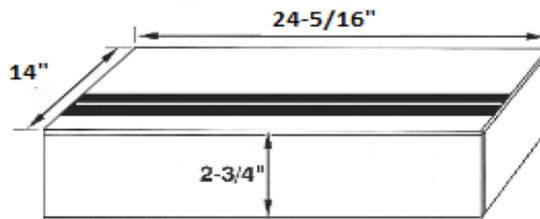
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N-Scale T-TRAK Modular Railroad Modified Specification

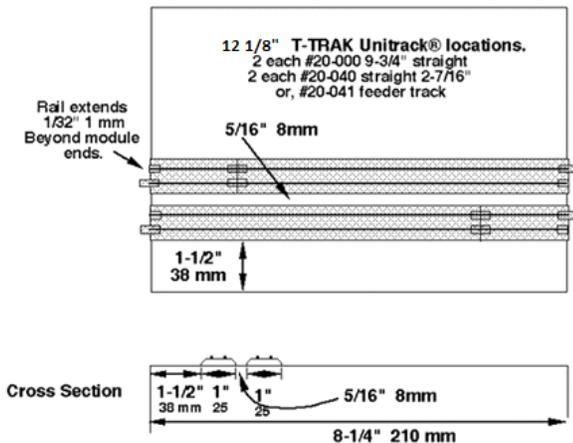
Welcome to T-TRAK modular Railroad. The modules are light weight and small enough to fit a complete layout on standard tables. A complete layout may consists of four (4) corners and couple of straight modules. The modules are designed to use KATO Unitrack, therefore track cutting is minimal. This document does not cover construction of the modules, but to high light the features of T-TRAK and recomendations. Construction detail can be found on the national T-TRAK website www.ttrak.org. For rigidity and ease of construction, the double wide modules can be built using 1/2" plywood for the sides and a thin 1/4" plywood for the top. Track power can be feeded from one module location and does not require power jumpers between the modules. Multiple track feeds maybe required for larger layouts. If the tables are level and cost saving, the module leg height adjustment hardware as specified in the national T-TRAK can be eliminated. The important 2-3/4" module height dimension is to the top of the module (excluding track height). Since the modules utilize tables, the use of clamps to hold the modules together are unnecessary. The following are the original T-TRAK standard straight module, standard recommended corner modules, and the recommended alternate double wide module dimensions which fully utilize the table space:



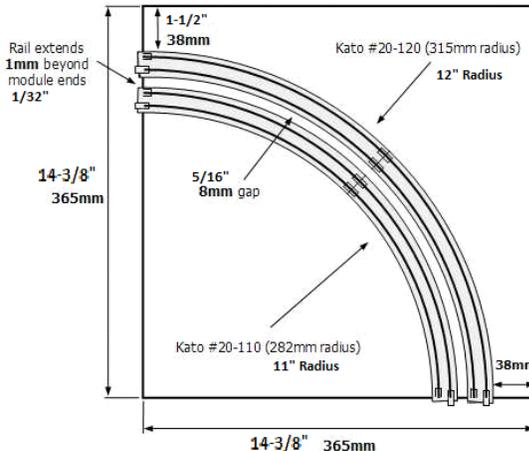
Standard T-TRAK



Double Wide T-TRAK



Standard Track and Track Location Dimensions



Standard Corner Module Track Dimensions

New Member

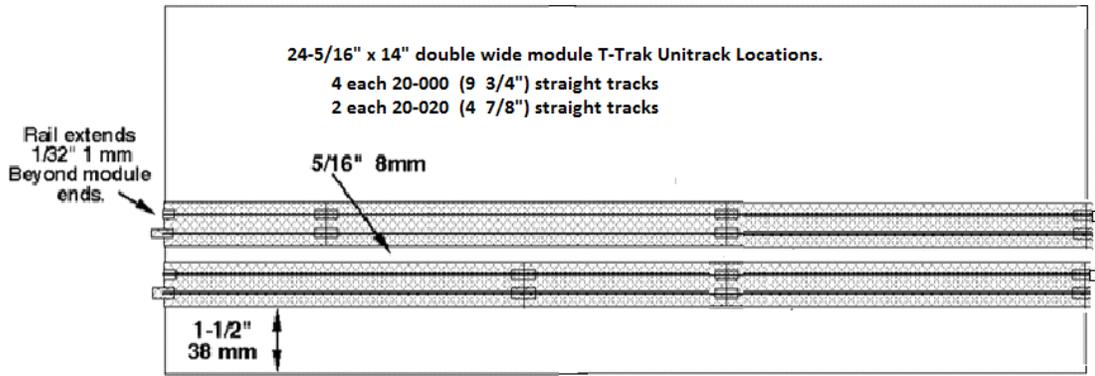
We have a new member that joined during the Greenberg show. He is: Kenneth Fields
184 Brown Street, 1st Floor
Waltham, MA 02453 781-899-6343

Ken doesn't have a working computer right now, but will send us his e-mail when that situation changes.

TTRAK AT WINTERFEST

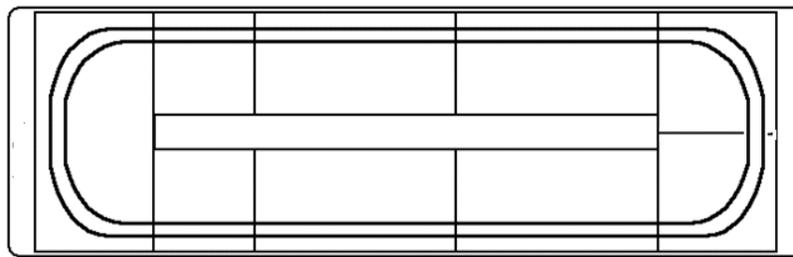
Fay Chin will be setting up a TTrak layout at Winterfest. If you are interested in being part of this layout please contact him.

We will be approx 24' x 15' and will be located in the Mallary building. North NJ TTRAK group is onboard. Have the interested people contact me faywchin@gmail.com.



Alternate (recommended) Double Wide Module Track Dimensions

Figure 1 below is a example of a typical T-TRAK layouts on a standard 8' (30" wide) table with variuous size Modules. The layout in Figure 2 shows two standard 8' long tables and one 3' square table to create an "U" shape layout. The layout in Figure 3 shows two standard 8' long tables and one 3' square table to create an "U" shape layout.



Layout

Examples of one half circle (left) module and two (2) quarter circle modules (right) on a standard eight (8) foot table.

Figure 1

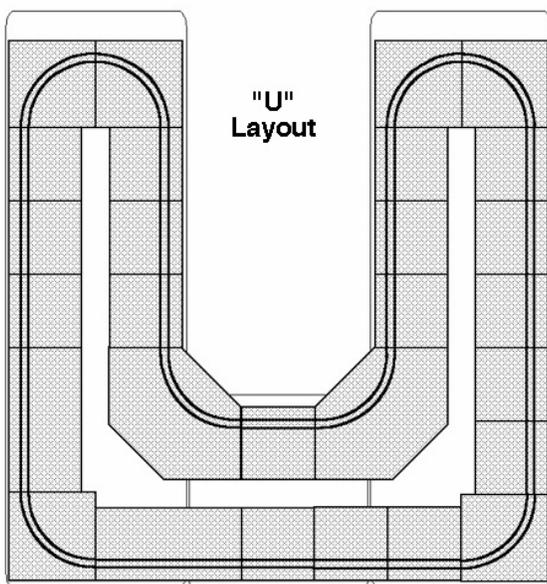


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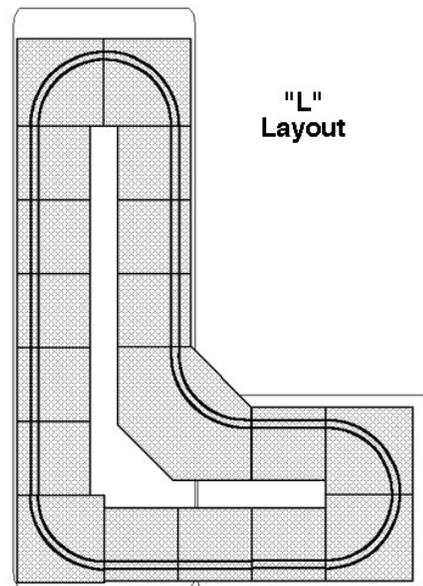


Figure 3

Greenberg Show November 22, 2015
by Roland Kelley



Peter Wisniewski and Geof Smith having fun on the floor like two little kids.

Below is Bob Fallier's new layout of a railway station in Europe. It is not yet finished but even unfinished it was outstanding like his other modules. Can't wait to see it completed.



Another new module at the show was Geof Smith winter scene which he is still working on. Check out the barn..



Fay Chin and his partner Benjamin Rosen at Fay's "T" track layout at the show. Fay has switched for "N" to a big "T" track guy. He is hoping to attend the Springfield show with his "T" trak layout.



“Tour de Chooch”
The Albany and Susquehanna (N)
by Rand Hoven



Rand Hoven (above) has been working on his home layout for 7 to 10 years. On November 30th he had an open house as part of the “Tour de Chooch” group. Visited the layout and hope you will enjoy seeing it. There are 13 scale miles of track in the layout.



For Sale
by Carl Mesrobian

Will be getting in 7 of the following for sale to anyone who wants one:

<https://www.panavise.com/index.html?pageID=1&page=full&--eqskudatarq=1>

I will be selling them \$18 each - list on these is \$29.99 These are nice made in USA small vises which would be good for small work (and we all know that N scale is kind of small).

Also I have two used Bausch & Lomb Stereo zoom microscopes on booms - these are professional microscopes that are a must for anyone doing any kind of surface mount electronics or other micro work in general. Magnification from 7-10x. Price \$200 each.

Interested people can contact me by phone 978-578-5374, or email.
Thanks! Carl

