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WINTERFEST WRAP-UP ISSUE

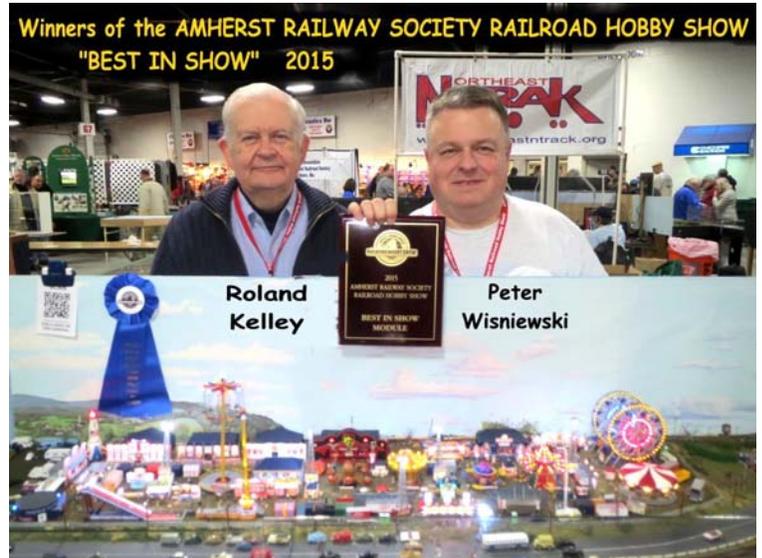
Hello everybody Frank here how are you making out with all this snow I ache in every bone in my body oh well. Back to the trains Winterfest let me start with a thank you to Bob & Diane Fallier, Dan Pawling and Bob Pawkak a great job by all. I never thought the layout was going to be any good with the splitting of the groups I was wrong again we were able to fill the aloted space with a large layout. The only real complaint was as always there was not a lot of trains running out on the layout. The problem is with all large layouts the average length train is about 20- 30 cars and on this size layout the trains seem to take to long to get around. The only answer is to run more train on each line using the signal towers and blocks and on red line the use of the DCC system. But we can't force members to run a train when they want to go out and shop or eat or just stand around and shot the s--- and no complaint should come from those that don't run trains. I ran three trains over the weekend two on Saturday and a less successful on DCC Sunday.

I did get to go out and check out other layouts at the show to see what they were doing there was a lot of going on at the Dry Hill layout with there Hump yard and switching around there layout . Also in the Mallory building was a linear layout by the Coastal Mount RR in HO it was 125 ft long and was all switchting and three people deep watching the operation something to be learned there is an interest in ops.

For Northeast Roland Kelley's Carnival Module took BEST OF SHOW not just with NTRAK but the best of all the modules at the show and there were hundreds of them, Roland shared his award with his friend and member Peter Wisniewski GREAT JOB GUYS.

As you all know the Lexington show was canceled due to the snow. The next show will be the Greenberg Show and I will beat the drum for that soon . The season is running down and we are being asked if we would like to add another show second request coming form Connecticut Valley Model RairRoad. club on Saturday April 18 from 12-5 PM in Lebanon N.H. Just asking but i don't think it will work for us as we will be.

NE Ntrak Module wins the AMHERST RAILWAY SOCIETY RAILROAD HOBBY SHOW AWARD 2015 for BEST IN SHOW



The Carnival Module built by Roland Kelley and Peter Wisniewski won an award given by the Amherst Railway Society for this module. "BEST OF SHOW". The module is now complete and this is only the second show that the completed module has been show. In August 2014 at the NV Ntrak Convention in Chantilly, VA it won the Capiatal Limited N Scale East for animation, detailing , painting and application movement.

doing the Hooksett show that same month but that's up to the members not me. Well i am done here back to my shovel see you at the next show your Prez Frank D .

Oh yea HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Roland Kelley



HOW IS THE SNOW??

Just a few facts about registrants for possible use with wrap up by Bob Pawlak

Total Registrants for Winterfest 2015 = 85
 Where did they come from? 10 states of USA plus 2 Canadian Provinces
 CT 7 NC 1 PA 1
 MA 13 NJ 13 Quebec 12
 MD 1 NY 24 SC 1
 ME 5 Ontario 2 WA 2 (farthest away)

What (club) affiliation did they have? 13 Ntrak Clubs plus N S Enthusiasts
 NJ Southern 6 Maine 8 NOMORE 2
 Albany 4 Montreal 7 NS Enthusiasts 2
 Brooklyn 8 MENT 17 Other 2
 Genesee 3 Northern NJ Ottawa 1
 Jersey Central 3 3 Valley 9
 Long Island 4

Bob
 PS My spread sheet balances so I am happy!

Museum Show Wrap Up (Cancelled)
by Bob Pawlak

We had a 23' x 27' rectangular layout planned for the Museum Show on February 14-15, 2015. Frank Dignan, John Doehring, Bob Fallier, Mark Ferracane, Peter Matthews, Carl Mesrobian, and Bob Pawlak planned to bring modules and all the other necessary equipment to the show. We were looking for another pair of 4' straight modules to completely fill the room but to no avail. A few of the regular participants had family vacation plans because it was the start of February vacation from school.

Unfortunately, more snow was predicted for Saturday afternoon February 14, and a blizzard was predicted for Saturday night and Sunday morning for a total accumulation of another 6" – 12" of snow in addition to the 30 plus inches already piled everywhere. As a result it was mutually decided with Hilary at the museum at about 10:15 A.M. Friday that the show should be cancelled. I quickly sent an e-mail to everyone in the club and followed up with an extra phone call to those planning to bring modules. I hope no one went to the museum by mistake.

2014-2015 NENTRak SHOW PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

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

April 26, 2015 Hooksett Lions Club, Cawley Middle School, Hooksett, NH
 Set-up: 8:00am - Show 10:00am to 4:00pm
Coordinator: Ron Wood - 603-206-5572

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.

Winterfest 2015 Wrap-up



Dan Pawling Jr, working hard to get trains running on Sat. He had many problems to solve.



Dan Pawling Jr, Frank Dignan & Ron Wood going over what still has to be done for set-up.



Dan Pawling Sr. and Bob Pawlak talking about Winterfest 2015.

**“Winterfest” 2015 Wrap Up.
Amherst Railway Society Show, Springfield,
MA.
January 23-25, 2015.**

Despite the snow storm on Saturday, “Winterfest” 2015 was a great success! Public attendance was down by about 40% but that left us with a bit more free time to explore the 4 large buildings of displays, layouts, and goodies. Our gratitude to ARS once again for hosting the show!

The big news for 2015 was the addition of a second large NTrak layout plus a TTrak layout, both in buildings that had very little N scale exposure before, and certainly no NTrak presence. Our thanks to the ARS management for encouraging our expansion, and to Fay Chin and John Bingel for managing the new layouts.

Northeast NTrak at Winterfest is comprised of clubs from all 6 of the New England states plus members from NY, NJ, Montreal, and in some years we’ve had guests attend from the Swiss NTrak club. It’s always fun to see the mix of module ideas, themes, and designs, often influenced by our often very different locales. This year 85 members from 10 states and 2 Canadian provinces were in attendance representing NTrak, TTrak, and MaiNe-Trak. Our Best of Show award was presented to Chris Oliva for his precisely detailed urban railway setting with several exceptional modules (an expansion expected in 2016)! First, second, and third places went to Bob Fallier (NENT), Richard Kapitan (Valley NTrak), and Bob Gatland (Albany). Bob Pawlak returned with his exceptional, multiple award winning, Bridges and Canyons.

A special thanks to Kelly-Ann Bingel for taking on the difficult task of managing module and model voting, to Diane Fallier for keeping yours truly on schedule and organizing the many awards, and of course none of this would work without the many hours put in by the layout planners and volunteers who keep things running.

It was our great pleasure in 2014 to have Bruce Alcock as our Key Note Speaker and this year we were able to convince “Ed” Schultz to come down from Maine to be our guest speaker with a very informative, enthusiastic, & entertaining presentation on layout control.

The real “high point” of the event came as a total surprise to everyone on Sunday afternoon, as our host, the Amherst Railway Society, presented our own Roland Kelley with the ARS Best of Show award for his carnival modules! Congratulations Roland and Peter Wisniewski for all the special lighting effects!

A final word of thanks to the many commercial and

private sponsors who support NTrak, both locally and in every region. Their generous donations of products and materials should serve as our encouragement to expand and promote the hobby, N scale, and NTrak. And it’s our job to support all of them. Please check our web site for a complete list.

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Happy Rails to all, Bob Fallier

BEST OF SHOW

City Railway - multiple modules, by Chris Oliva



1st Prize - Module Contest

Dammtor Station in Hamburg, by Bob Fallier



2nd Prize - Module Contest

Valley Rock Quarry - Dick Kapitan



1st prize - Motive Power - Steam
Camelback Steamer
Adan Hofmann



1st Prize - Structures - On Line
JL Innovation section house modified
Rob Selberg



1st Prize - Humor
Overfilled helium car
Yves Rousseau



1st prize - Motive Power - Diesel
CP SD40-2
Andre Brodeur



1st Prize - Structures - Off Line
Garage
Yves Rousseu



1st Prize - Motive Power -Electric
Sacramento Northern Steeple Cab
Ken Harstine



1st Prize - Prototype Photo
Fishing at Rockville
Erik Seidelmann



1st Prize - Model Photo
Trestle over waterfall
Robert Lavole



1st Prize - Passenger
Alaska Railroad
Steve Dale



1st Prize - Vehicles
Overnight tractor - trailer
Jean Francois Chaput



1st Prize - Freight
Weathered box car
Rob Selberg



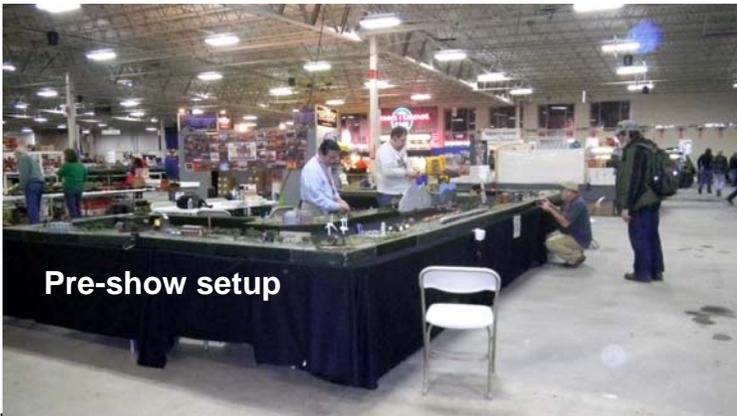
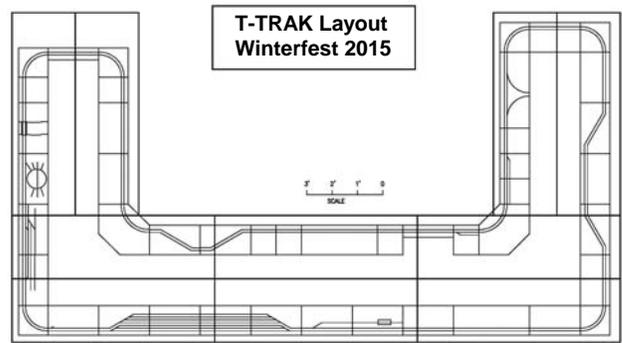
At the Banquet from l to r, Bob and Diane Fallier, Bob Pawlak, & our Guest Speaker Ed Schultz, NTrak Board of Directors. Spoke on Running N-Trak Layouts, Past, Present and Future.

1st Prize - MOW
CN Backyrus crane
Andre Brodeur



Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show - Northeast Region T-TRAK layout
by Fay Chin

The Northeast Region T-TRAK held the first event at the Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show on January 24 and 25, 2015. The Northeast Region T-TRAK layout was comprised of modules from Northern New Jersey T-TRAK, Albany T-TRAK, and the Northeast T-TRAK clubs. Below are photos of the T-TRAK layout and the group picture.



Pre-show setup

The layout had many well scenic modules and features which included an operable turntable, operable coal dumper, operable oil pump, functional wind turbines & voltmeter, functional thermo solar power generator & remote temperature display (it reached to 125 deg F outside in the sun), functional solar panels & voltmeter, Timesaver (switching yard), and a 3D printed model of a nuclear power plant. To view the layout on Youtube, search for Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show 2015 Northeast Region T-TRAK. Also to view the Youtube video of the making of the 3D printed nuclear power plant, search for 3D nuclear power plant T-TRAK module. Below are a few photos of the layout.

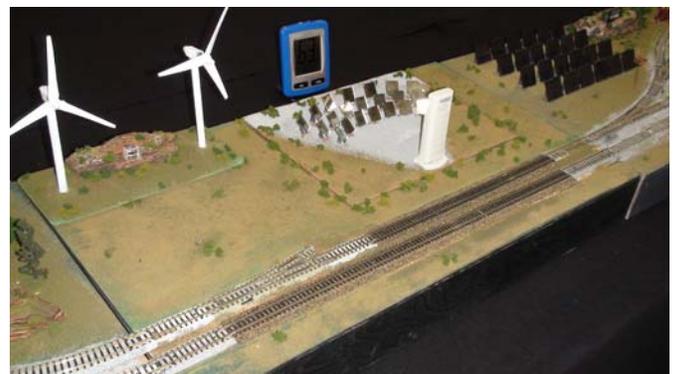


(Front L-R) Fay Chin, Mike Maloney, Ken Harstine (Back L-R) George Michaels, Dave Ferrari, Dirk Nieuwdorp, Phil Brown. Missing from the Photo are Geoff Dunn, Warren Soffel, Jeff Putnam, and Russ Putnam.



Northern NJ T-TRAK modules

The layout setup went up quickly on Friday around noon and completed by mid day. More time was spent socializing then putting the layout together. Setting up the T-TRAK layout was easy and, unlike the NTRAK layout, did not need track sections between modules, module legs, clamps, and module electrical wiring. The dimensions of the layout were 24' x 14' in a "C" shape. One thing to note, that the layout is equivalent to a 24' x 20' rectangular layout. Upper right is a drawing of the layout utilizing ten standard 8' tables.



Renewable energy modules (L-R) Wind Turbines & voltmeter (center), Thermo Solar Power generator & remote temperature (blue) display, and Solar Panels & voltmeter by Fay Chin with the NE T-TRAK Club



3D printed Nuclear Power Plant by Fay Chin with the North-east T-TRAK Club



First Place - Mountain and Tunnel module with an operational Oil Pump (foreground left) by George Michaels with the Northeast T-TRAK Club



Industrial Modules by Geoff Dunn with the Albany T-TRAK Club



Second Place - Train Station by Phil Brown with the Northern NJ T-TRAK Club



Building modules by Dave Ferran with the Northern NJ T-TRAK Club



Third Place - Roadway Modules by Mike Maloney with the Northern NJ T-TRAK Club

While speaking to the public audience during the show, I received many compliments about the T-Trak layout and the great modular concept. I also spoke with people from other clubs that have T-TRAK modules and are interested in participating next year show. Let's plan for next year with anticipation of a larger layout. If you have any comments, ideas, and would like to join us next year Amherst Railway Society Railway Hobby Show please contact me at faywchin@gmail.com.

Despite the snow storm on Saturday, The show drew close to fifteen thousand people for the two days show. I forgot how many people I spoke to during the show. The Northeast Region T-TRAK group also participated in the Northeast NTRAK Winterfest activities which included dinner, clinics, and contests. I had not participated in Winterfest for over twenty years. I realized how much fun I missed. The Northeast Region T-TRAK group also held a module contest which was judged by the public. The first place winning mountain & tunnel module was built by George Michaels with the Northeast T-TRAK club. The second place Train Station module went to Phil Brown with the Northern NJ T-TRAK club. The third place award went to the Roadway module built by Mike Maloney with the Northern NJ T-TRAK club. I encourage everyone to work on their T-TRAK modules for next year contest and the Winterfest NTRAK contest activities. Next column are photos of the winning modules.