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### President's Message Bob Fallier

Welcome to the Northeast NTrak end of season notes as we prepare to close out the year with our annual picnic and business meeting on **June 2<sup>nd</sup>**. I hope you all will attend, even if it rains. There is plenty of room inside to talk and relax. I've even replaced those somewhat unpredictable plastic patio chairs with much more substantial ones for your comfort and safety. **Please RSVP.**

For those who have been here for the previous two meetings, you'll find the driveway has been nicely paved in preparation for your arrival. There is parking along the common drive where it widens out to 12 feet, but parking near the house remains a bit of a premium, so get here early.

Where:

**115 Pine Hill Rd.  
Hollis, NH. 03049**

1 mile off Rt. 130 (Broad St.).

From the south: Rt 3 to Nashua, Exit 6, Route 130 west toward Brookline/Hollis. 4.5 miles watch for Pine Hill Rd at the top of the hill, turn right. Exactly 1 mile on the right. Watch for the yellow signs.

From Pepperell or the west: Rt 122 to the center of Hollis, east on Rt. 130 toward Nashua. Just over 1 mile, pass Lull Farm on the right, take the next left at the top of the hill onto Pine Hill Rd. Follow 1 mile down on the right. We share a common driveway (#113, 115, 117). From the street go about 500 feet, brown ranch near the end of the drive.

Your GPS will probably take you too far, so just **watch the mailbox numbers**. If you go through the S-turn you've gone too far. The picnic will begin around noon and we should start the business meeting around 1. Bring folding chairs, just in case. I have 10-12 chairs, last year we had 23 people in attendance.

**PLEASE RSVP:** [BFallier@Email.com](mailto:BFallier@Email.com)

The Hooksett show in April was great. Thank you to Jeff and Russel Putnam and Ron Wood for coordinating and planning the layout. We had plenty of hands to help with set up and take down and I think the trailer is paying off in spades. We now can have one place for all, or most, of the club modules, boxes, and miscellaneous "stuff". It wasn't a big show, but we were busy and things

ran reasonably well throughout. Thanks to George for setting up and keeping DCC running. And thanks to everyone there who took some time out to talk with my nephew, Xavir. (yes, the correct spelling for him). Carl and I spoke about possibly making a joiner track gauge as suggested and shown in the old NTrak How To book. Maybe he'll have a sample at the picnic. Better yet would be a few to sell (hint – hint).

If I'm not mistaken, I believe Dan Pawling would like to have a work day this summer to build racks/shelving in the trailer. Volunteers will be needed. We will finalize that at the picnic/meeting.

Winterfest 2019: As I mentioned last month, Pete W. made several very good suggestions about the schedule, information letter, banquet and other notables in preparation for Winterfest next year. I'd be happy to discuss those at the meeting and take any other comments or suggestions that you can offer. We will also discuss the parameters for the raffles and various contest entries. To reinforce what has been stated every year in the information letter that you receive: No Completed Registration, no contest entry. That means both your on-line registration and check have been submitted.

The general opinion is that our First Annual Mini-Show was a success and I will send out invitations to our supporting manufacturers again this summer. It may take a couple of years before we have as many vendors as I'd like, but I think we are off to a good start. Your support, via emails to your favorite manufacturer, may convince more of them to join us.

Joining us at the picnic will be two members of the Pepperell Siding executive board. At the Hooksett show last month I spoke briefly with Dave Delorey about the possibility of utilizing some of their space for NTrak clinics, possibly a place to set up a semi-permanent layout, and possibly parking for our new trailer. Dave and Doug will be there to take your questions and hopefully we can finally have a "home".

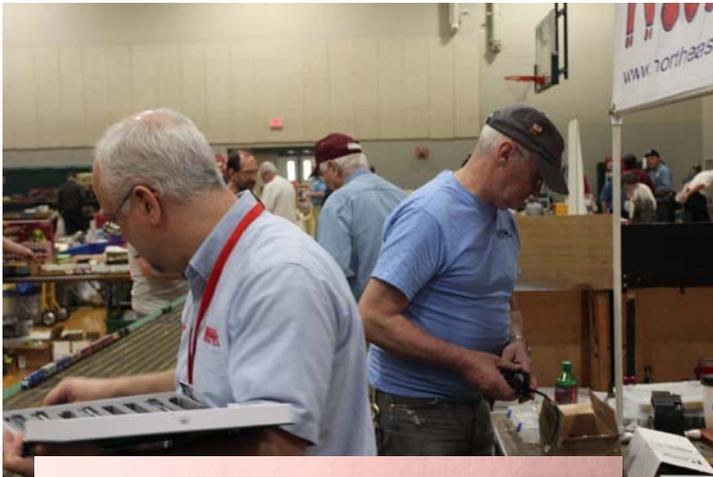
Please contact me in advance if possible with your concerns or questions so that we don't spend excessive time bouncing ideas and questions around at the meeting. If you know **Ian at Hobby Emporium**, please express your well wishes as he has had a sudden and dramatic change in health.

Other model railroading stuff? Hmm. Well I took my Faller iron works building and have turned it into a Lindt Chocolate factory. Or at least part of it. I had a hole on my layout and just couldn't find the right thing to fill the

space. Voila! I've also been working on an 8 story Kato building, adding interior details and lighting to each floor, and I've planted between 500-700 trees on the layout in the past couple of weeks. Have to keep busy!

Wordy as I usually can be, I don't have a whole lot more to add this month. After trying for two months to get fired, I retired in late February, now I'm only semi-retired. Who knows – by August I could be working full time again, but just for fun this time!

Happy Rails !



**Note from the Editor**

This is the last issue for this season. Your Editor will take the next two months off. That does not mean that you should not submit articles for the Newsletter. It has been a slow year for articles. We need more of you to submit articles for our Newsletter. It is only as good as you make it.

Also starting with the September issue we will no longer do printed copies of the newsletter. As with the NTRAK newsletter it will just be emailed.

That is all for now, wish you all a great summer.

Connecting Track lengths to use with gauge.	
Brown	4.790"
Red	4.850"
Orange	4.910" (Standard Atlas section)
Yellow	4.970"
Green	5.030"
Blue	5.090"
Lt Blue	5.150"

Uncut 6-1/2" lengths of track used for the Atlas straight assortment are available from NTRAK. They are stiffer than flextrack and are used for connecting tracks longer than standard.