

# Welcome to Winterfest West Springfield MA January 26-28 2024

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Things you need to know: **Northeast NTRAK Chair: Alex Daggett**

**Hotel Reservations:** Hilton Garden Inn, 800 Hall of Fame Ave, Springfield, MA.

Phone: (413) 886-8000 Be sure to note you are with NTRAK24.

**Model Contest:** Entries Accepted Friday and Early Saturday morning until 10 a.m. Limit of three (3) entries total per person. You must specify your entry category at time of model submission.

- All ballots must be completed before 2:00 on Saturday.
- Registration for all contests is required for entry.

**Raffle Tickets:** A limited number of tickets may be available for purchase. Contact Bob Fallier in the Better Living Center or during registration on Friday, some may still be available before the banquet on Saturday. 2 tickets for \$5.00

**Registration and Mini-Show:** Friday night at the Hilton Garden Inn, 7:00-9:00. Registration includes the admission badge to the show.

**Personal Room Sales:** Please check with the hotel before putting up signs. The hotel may remove your signs without notice. Use only "Low Tack" tape. If you use tape that leaves a sticky residue you may be charged a cleaning fee.

**Under 16** must have a parent or guardian present at all times. That includes guests from Youth in Model RR and others. Repeat — Under 16 must have a parent present at all times.

**Digitrax Club Throttles:** If you want to use a club throttle, you will need to sign it out and sign it back-in. *Bring your own 9 volt batteries*, the club does not provide batteries. We will be running via the Digitrax Duplex radio system, so if you have a compatible throttle (Digitrax models UT6D, DT602D, DT500D, DT402D, UT4D) feel free to bring your own throttle.

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Any show specific questions I can't answer or if I'm not available, check at the show website - [www.railroadhobbyshow.com](http://www.railroadhobbyshow.com)

## General Schedule Notes:

Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Set-up. (buildings open until 10 p.m.)

Friday: 1-4 p.m. Model and Photo entries accepted. (completed registration required)

Friday: 7-9 p.m. Member registration at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Friday: 7-9 p.m. Manufacturer's Mini-Show - Hilton Garden Inn, ground floor.

Saturday: Early - Finalize set up. Buildings open at 7:00 a.m., doors open to the public 9-5 p.m.

Saturday: 1-2 p.m. Parade of Trains - Better Living Center. *Judges needed for 1 hour to help.*

Grand Marshall - TBD . *Setup & Registration to begin at 12:30.*

Saturday: 2 p.m. All voting ends. All member and public ballots will be collected.

Saturday: 6:30–7:30 p.m. Happy Hour - Hilton Garden Inn. – Cash Bar from 6:30 to 7:30

7-8 Dinner - Uno's

8:30 Keynote presentation TBD or we may skip it this year.

9:00 Awards followed by Raffles. Put your tickets in the numbered plastic tubs.

Sunday: Buildings open at 7:30 a.m., public from 10:00-5:00

5:00 pm Breakdown and go home!

## Parade of Trains Set-up, Judging, & Rules:

- Plan to be at the layout in the Better Living Center by 12:30 for registration
- You must explain what makes your train unique, special, or different. NO "out of the box" entries will be accepted.
- Prototypical appearance or functionality. Or optionally humorous or unique.
- Judges will examine and photograph your train before your scheduled departure.
- Limit of two trains—your 2"4 entry may be run ONLY after all other trains have been run.
- Max of 5 "hand fixes". Points off for each hand fix. Disqualified if more than 5.
- Must complete 3 loops within the allotted time.
- DCC on Red and Blue, DC on Yellow. If running DCC, you should be familiar with Digitrax.
- Decisions of the judges are final.

**Model Contest:** Entries that have won 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in the past two years cannot be reentered. Explain why your model is "not out of the box" if asked. Models must be limited to 24 square inches.

**Modules Contest:** Only registered members can receive 2024 plaques (those plastic stick on things) and receive numbers for the Module Contest. Modules that have previously won should not reenter the contest unless they have been modified since winning.