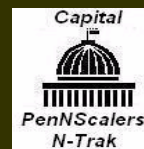


The Rusted Rail



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Issue #4 What the heck happened here?!?

Put simply, we got BUSY! And partly because we got busy and because of other things there is a 3 month gap in these newsletters....

But that aside, we made some real progress over the late summer and into the fall which has brought us to the point of having our first real showing... actually three of them, in December:

Saturday, December 3rd, 9am – 1 pm
Ephrata Area Public Library
550 South Reading Road
Ephrata, Pa. 17522

Saturday December 10th & 17th, 9am – 5pm
Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania
Pa Route 741
Strasburg, Pa. 17579

As always, I'm looking for a volunteer to take over the newsletter so there aren't anymore gaps in publication, and because I have a hard time making up stuff to write. Any takers should contact me at mrfriend@comcast.net or info@pennscalers.org.

Thanks,
Mark

Coming Events

Greenberg's Train Shows:
Timonium, Md., December 3-4
Ft. Washington, December 10-11
York Expo Center, January 21-22
Admission - \$7
www.GTExpo.com

December 17th & 18th: Keystone Model Railroad Historical Society Open House (HO club)
833 W. Trundle Rd.
Mechanicsburg, Pa 17055
Sat & Sun, 12-5
Donations accepted

February 4th & 5th 2006: The Great Scale Model Train Show
Timonium Fairgrounds
Sat 9-4, Sun 10-4
Admission \$7 (covers both days), under 12 free, Family \$14
www.gsmts.com

A great source of event info is available at *Model Railroader Magazine's* Web site:
www.modelrailroader.com – click on the Schedule of Events link on the left of the page.

If anyone has any events for future issues, just drop me a note.

----Red Line Ramblings----

3 Foot Corner Progress: Thanks to the efforts of Dave and Ron and Ashlee, both of the 3 foot corners have been completed. I managed to cobble together some 'mono' legs for these that will hopefully provide sufficient support so that they don't sag when attached to the layout.

Also, thanks to Dave for scenicizing the 4 foot bridge module.

Skirting & Pylons: Pylons were assembled during the October Sunday meeting and finished during the November Tuesday meeting...

Dave got us a deal on hemmed black cloth with stitched on Velcro, so we now have 75' (in 3 – 25' sections). This also was our first group purchase.

Crest Train Engineers: Amazingly, I was able to sell my 'moveable' HO layout to Dale, and for the second year in a row, the Walther's people sent me a bribe check in the mail....

So... we are now in possession of 2 Crest Train Engineer Receivers and 2 Transmitters. With any luck, we will get to try these out during the November 20th 'dry run' meeting and put them to actual use during the December showings...

Financial Stuff:

Dues Collected in October: \$160 (7 members paid, 1 member paid 2 years)

Expenditures: \$120 (skirting)

Club Fund Balance: \$40

Imperious Leader's Report

And We're Off!

This is a somewhat abbreviated version of *The Rusted Rail*, but that certainly doesn't mean that things haven't been happening!

As we approach December, and our public 'debut', I'd just like to say a hearty THANKS! to everyone for their efforts to pull things together.

I'm certainly looking forward to our show dates and I hope that everyone can make it.

Looking further down the road, Ron suggested that a good winter project would be to construct module 'coffins'. I tend to agree that this would be a good winter project, and once they are completed, I expect that we will wonder how we got by without them... Discussions to begin in January. Also, in 2006 we will want to begin to address the incorporation/insurance issue which was shelved until after the New Year.

In closing, I'd just like to wish everyone a happy Holiday Season and I look forward to what we accomplish in 2006..

Mark

Upcoming Meetings

Meeting dates for the next three months:

1st Tuesdays:

Tuesday, December 6th – 7pm

Tuesday, January 3rd – 7pm

Tuesday, February 7th – 7pm

3rd Sundays:

No Sunday December Meeting

Sunday, January 15th, 1 – 5pm

Sunday, February 19th, 1 - 5pm

Directions are on the website.