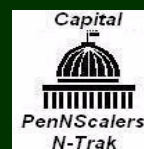


The Rusted Rail



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We might be mistaken for a REAL N-Trak Club!



When we got busy, we got busy!

Our 'debut' show took place on Saturday December 3rd at the Ephrata Public Library and we followed that up the next two Saturdays (December 10th & 17th) at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. Our first train show event was the Great Train Expo show (formerly Greenberg) at the York Expo Center on January 21st and 22nd. A great time was had by all, and we did a great job! I'd just like to thank everyone for participating and making our rolling out a great success.

We've lined some more events for March, April and May and there are train shows in Timonium in June and July for us to consider.

If anyone has any content for the newsletter, please contact me at mrfriend@comcast.net.

Again, great job folks!

Thanks,
Mark

Coming Events

Great Train Expo Shows:
Allentown, Pa. March 25-26
Timonium, Md. July 29-30
Ft. Washington, Pa. August 5-6
Admission - \$7
www.GTExpo.com

April 1-2, June 24-25: 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

Saturday March 11th
Harrisburg Chapter, National Railway Historical Society
Railroad Show & Collectors Market
I.W. Abel Union Hall
200 Gibson St. Steelton
9-3 Admission: \$5
We will be setting up at this show – see below.

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-----



Neat Website: Ever want to listen to train crews talk to their dispatchers, etc? Streaming feeds for locations around the country and Canada are available at:

www.railroadradio.net

The only catch is, I don't know how well this will work with a dialup connection.

Pylons: We threw together some 'corner' pylons with 1 gallon buckets for added weight after learning a thing or two at our December showings. They worked well at York in January.

The Yard: Dale continues to make progress with his yard modules and continues to pick our brains for control panel ideas. We're hoping to solidify these plans in February and have the yard largely functional by the May PRRT&HS setup.

N-Trak Newsletter: After our December showings, I forwarded some photos and some info about our group to Jim Fitzgerald at the N-Trak Newsletter. It looks like we will get a write-up in the next issue.

Financial Stuff:

Dues Collected in January/February: \$35.50 (2 new members)

Show Proceeds: \$100 – GTE - York

Expenditures: none

Club Fund Balance: \$175.50

Imperious Leader's Report

Wow!

We had been talking about it for over a year, and it finally came to be. What N-Trak clubs do, which is show our handiwork and share our hobby with others. I can honestly say that getting out and showing our stuff really got my excitement level for our endeavor up. Not only did we get to run some trains, we chatted with a lot of great folks, made some contacts for future show opportunities and gained a few new members. And, perhaps, we got somebody interested in the hobby that hadn't given it serious thought before.

A great thing about events like the GTE show in York is that the audience is already involved or inclined towards model railroading, and we, as a group, can learn some new things from other clubs at these events. One great idea that I hadn't really given thought to is to make module legs out of 3/4" electrical conduit. A great, tool-free option. It's next on my module improvement list.

Looking out a few months, we've got additional showing events scheduled and potential dates to consider.

I think we found out first hand over the last couple of months what a great way N-Trak is to enjoy our hobby. Here's to our continued success and fun as we move into 2006!

Mark

Upcoming Meetings

Meeting dates for the next three months:

1st Tuesdays:

Tuesday, February 7th – 7pm

Tuesday, March 7th – 7pm

Tuesday, April 4th – 7pm

3rd Sundays:

Sunday, February 19th, 1 - 5pm

Sunday March 19th, 1-5pm

Sunday April 16th, 1-5pm

Directions are on the website.

Upcoming Engagements

Saturday March 11th, 9-3

Harrisburg Chapter, National Railway Historical Society

Railroad Show & Collectors Market

Linear w/end loops, setup Friday evening.

Saturday April 8th, 12-4

Private engagement – Families Through Adoption. Small oval.

Friday May 5th & Saturday May 6th, Hours TBD

Pennsylvania Railroad Technical and Historical Society Convention

Large Oval, setup Thursday evening.