



BANTRAK Newsletter

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The Engineer's Cab: Martin Myers

Happy 2018 to everyone, in the words of Yogi Berra "It feels like Déjà vu all over again" Tim guided the club through the past two years. I hope to be able to do the same for the next two. Since I was also co-coordinator of the Holiday Show, I'll recap here.

We set up a day late on Dec. 14 instead of the 13th. Even with the last minute change a large portion of our membership managed to adjust their schedules to get their modules down to the museum and help with set up. We had the whole works up and running before the museum closed at 4pm. The layout had only one day to test run and debug before opening on Saturday. We also got a last minute request to run trains on Saturday night for a catered affair. Even with the extra added pressure, members stepped up and met the challenge. Most of the run schedule was filled out with only a couple of days running "lean". The layout was large with a little grade on one section that made things interesting. Overall, the layout was a huge success and the museum is happy with our display. Overall raffle sales were very close to budget. We learned that it is important to have the raffle layout ready in October so sales can begin.

We go into the New Year looking for places to hold our monthly meetings. If any member can open their home or has an alternative place to meet, please let me know. Our next meeting location is still up for grabs.

Bob Bunge has volunteered to coordinate our next show. It will be at Timonium on February 3 and 4. Set up is on Friday Feb. 2nd starting at 12 noon. Let Bob know if you can attend any part of the weekend and/or set up.

Happy Modeling!

Martin



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Next Meeting...

January 21st



B&O 2018:



Raffle Winner: Will and his grandpa Rob



BANTRAK Membership: Al Palewicz

BANTRAK does a significant amount of charitable activity, although we rarely think of it that way because we get pleasure out of it. When you think about it, that is as it should be with all giving from the heart.

What is our charitable activity? Our major participation is in the B&O Museum's (which is a charitable organization) Annual Festival of Trains. Our display has been a major draw for people to come to the Museum for many years, both recent and in the past. There are plenty more examples, this is just one.

Please contact Treasurer [Alan Del Gaudio](#) for more information regarding your membership status and roster questions or contact [Al Palewicz](#) with general questions.

Member Benefits:

- Sharing of your knowledge (railroading & modeling) with others of similar interests
- Access to railroading and modeling knowledge of other members
- National exposure and recognition of your endeavors in modeling
- Hands on activities: Club modules - track, wiring and scenery. Raffle layout - track and scenery Members' layouts
- Recognition as being part of a Nationally known club.

BANTRAK 2018 CALENDAR

Date	Event	Location	Contact	Type
Jan 21st	Club Meeting	TBD	Martin	Meeting
Feb. 3rd & 4th	Great Scale Show	Timonium Fair Grounds	Bob Bunge	Show
April 14th & 15th	Great Scale Show	Timonium Fair Grounds	Lauren Baker	Show
Oct. 27th & 28th	Great Scale Show	Timonium Fair Grounds	TBD	Show

BANTRAK CALL BOARD

CLUB WORK SESSION 2018

Contact Tim Nixon, Eric Payne, Paul Diley, or Ed Kapuscinski for work session information.



BANTRAK was founded in 1983 as the Greater Baltimore N-Scale Associates. Begun as a “round robin” group to share skills and experiences, we have expanded our focus to include participation in many diverse activities to promote model railroading in general and N-Scale model railroading in particular. Activities include participation in local, regional and national shows, meets and conventions. BANTRAK membership includes membership in the national NTRAK organization.

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