



BANTRAK Newsletter

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The Engineer's Cab: Martin Myers

Hello everyone, welcome to model railroad season! We have a busy schedule over the fall and winter months. The October Great Scale Model Train Show is up next. Just a few weeks away, Paul has made arrangements for a larger space and a joint layout with Northern Virginia NTRAK. Let Paul know if you will be attending and/or supplying a module or three for this show. This will also be our first layout using the new KATO adjustable joiner tracks. A large portion of our club and member modules have been modified.

Paul has handed the raffle layout off to Alan Del Gaudio. It is about 75% complete at this time. Alan will be setting up any work sessions to get the project done in time to display and sell tickets at the Scale Show. Many thanks to Al Potter and Paul Diley for their efforts to get this year's layout completed.

LeRoy Brandimore has volunteered to coordinate our Christmas layout at the B & O Museum. Al Potter will be assisting him this year. Tentative set up date will be Wednesday, Dec. 12 starting at 8am. We discussed tear down at our last meeting. The consensus was to tear down on Sunday Dec. 30th. Hopefully the museum will be agreeable to this.

This month's meeting will be on Sunday afternoon at the Scale Show. We will be working on our budget for the year but not at this meeting due to the circumstances of a public show. We will be voting on a budget at our November meeting. Stay tuned for details on the location of November's meeting. This one is important and as many members as possible should try to attend. Feel free to make me aware of any new business that should be announced this month.

See you at Timonium,

Happy Modeling!

Martin



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Next Meeting...

October 28th



Kensington Train show : Chris Hyland

The Kensington Train show is one of my favorite shows of the entire year. Not only is it in my hometown, but also I get to run trains and hang out with my pals from the Capital Trackers, and talk about Kensington history too.

Kensington is blessed with many things. Two libraries and really good cheap pizza places, used junk shops, book stores, and quaint Victorian houses. There is a Baldwin B&O station right on the metropolitan and the fact that we had our own streetcar company. Every year after Labor Day, we celebrate that heritage and raise money for a good cause; keeping Noyes Library open for the kids in Kensington.

Friday we did set up. We quickly were up and running by 5 except for one little problem. We had gotten some new T Trak corners that were given to me by an On30 pal in Mt. Union, PA (Home of the EBT RR). He runs several clubs up there that are based out of a museum. One of them is Cub Scouts Pack 205. They made a complete loop of Ttrak modules. They later moved on to ON30 and are doing Dead Rail stuff. Anyway, they were really nice small corners so we plexed them to protect against kidzillas and deployed them. The problem is that the kids wired the track backwards. Sounds like they didn't get merit badges in wiring. One good look and they were up and running like a Swiss watch.

Saturday was busy. After the wonderful Pancake breakfast at St. Paul's Pres. Church right across from the town hall (one of the other reasons for attending the show), we went to our battle stations. We had two bands performing (a 20's swing band and an alt country band) on the stage, which gave us some really good background music.

Matt Whiting, Leon and Patrick manned the Ttrak layout while dad and I ran our new improved Trolley layout. On top

of that I was also manning the Kensington Historical society's booth talking about how the B&O and the Kensington Electric Railway made the town what it is today (besides the hot-rodder's we had in the 50's). People were amazed at the difference in size between our O scale cousins and the N scale trains. And with our improved plex covers, derailments were down. You still had to watch your train like a hawk and shout out: STOP THAT!!!! but it cut it down significantly.

Sunday was much like Saturday We did have a visit from Dave Clyde who came to see the layout. Dave was pretty impressed by the venue. Perhaps we will see him running with us at the show next year. It seemed we got even more kids on the Sunday than Saturday. Everyone on the whole seemed to have a good time.

We tore down at 4 and were out of the building at 5. This closed the books on this year's Kensington show. Looking forward to doing it again next year. Thanks again to the Trackers for having us as well as the Ditto group and the Kensington Historical society for sponsoring the event.

-Chris



Kensington Train show: Leon Sorge



T-Trak Update & Editorial: Chris Hyland

Well September was a busy month. Seemed like there was an event almost every weekend. The month kicked off with our show in Kensington with the Capital Trackers. Thanks for having us again, guys, and a big thanks to the Kensington Historical Society, Noise Library, and the Ditto Group as well. It is always a pleasure to look into the eyes of the kiddos.

Then there was a Sykesville, and another, this time as part of the NMRA South Mountain Div. layout tour. We got to see layouts aplenty. If you haven't done the tour you are really missing something. Here's the highlight: We got to see a 4-story layout in HO. Talk about a man cave. The house was built around the layout and you needed to climb a flight of stairs to get to the switching district. It is open again for next year, the third weekend of September. You just need to get the big drum of coffee to get to Mainline hobby by 9am. Don't think people on the tour stop modeling. Nope! Dave Moltrup added a few more mills to his steel mill complex (and if you don't know Dave Moltrup, you really need to get out and see it!). So how does Bantrak fit into this event? Well the T Trak division showed the flag at the S&P tower. Lots of people came out and who knows, maybe you might see some new faces around the campfires at Timonium. Thanks to you guys who came out for that show,

Then there was the last Gaithersburg of the season. There were a lot of visitors but not many Bantrak folks. We got to set up and run inside the RDC car, which was a nice change from being outside.

Additionally, one could see the restoration of one of the B&O position signals and they let people go up into the cab of the 280 steam engine for photo ops.

With that we finished off the month with Ranson, WV. Now your humble author

was AWOL that weekend. Thank you very much Dave Clyde for running that show. Even more history was made out there in the wild mountains of West Virginia. For the most part we say that we never, ever, ever hook up or exchange with anyone. As the proud Capitan of Gilbert and Sullivan's mighty HMS Pinafore said so eloquently, "Well, hardly ever". We did our first joint set up with NVNTRAK. Sorry to steal your thunder guys before Timonium. It is just something that was quickly thought up in the parking lot of the CVMRR layout. The reports that have come back from the NVNTRAKer's is that they felt like they were treated like family and one of their best running times on T Trak ever. Furthermore, we are looking at doing it again at the Great Scale show. "Dogs and cats living together. Mass hysteria" (Bill Murray Ghost busters).

A big thanks for all those who made the September shows run so smoothly. We could not have done it without you. And even though the crowds could be crazy and the most that we could offer you was a cold can of coke and a hot dog, we appreciate all those who come out and take part. Also to those who can't make it out, you are part of the Bantrak family. When things go sideways, we are still there for you and got a run slot open for when you can make it.

And now we charge into October. This month is a bit easier. Only a couple of Sykesville events and the Great Scale show. And we are working on even more events in new places. Check the calendar for our events coming up or drop me a line and I can send you the dates, right back to the planning department.

Join T Trak and see the world, in miniature of course.

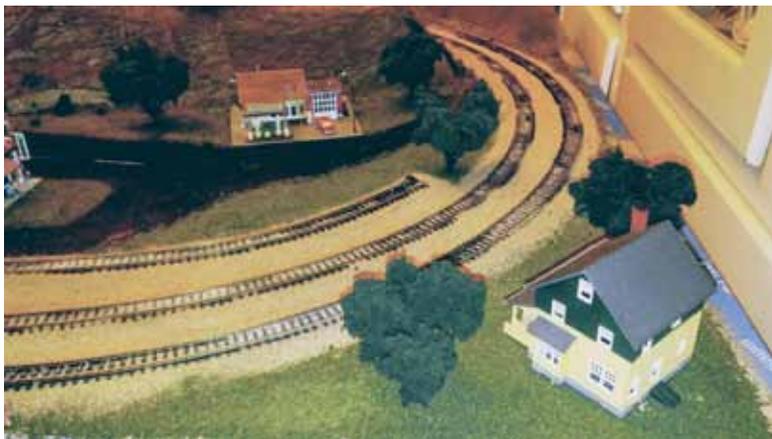
Chris



Ranson W.V. show: Leon Sorge



Raffle Layout update photos: Paul Diley



Cars for Sale: David Betz

Several previous month's cars are still available. So don't be shy, you know you want them. Step up and help the club while filling in your roster.

This month we have four new cars. We are making the balance of those cars and locomotives available through the newsletter on a first come, first served basis. The cars will be sold at 50% of MSRP plus MD sales tax of 6%. All proceeds will go to the club. Over the next few months look for 4 pieces for sale each month. Please contact me and Alan to hold a particular piece for you and you can settle up with our treasurer Alan Del Gaudio and your car will be ready for you to pick up at the following month's meeting. So this month we have four brand new cars.

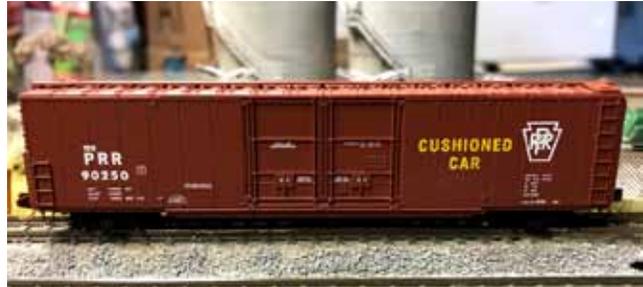
First up Intermountain Mechanical Refrigerator car
MSRP \$22.95
Member Price \$11.48



Next up, MicroTrains 60' Boxcar
MSRP \$21.30
Member Price \$10.65



Next up, MicroTrains 60' Boxcar
MSRP \$26.90
Member Price \$13.45



Intermountain SD40-2 DC
MSRP \$139.95
Member Price \$69.97
Test run forward and backward



Remember all proceeds will go to the club.
This is a great deal on brand new cars.

All MSRP prices were either taken from the box itself, ModelTrainstuff.com, Hogtrainz, or from Trove Star.

LOOK FOR FOUR NEW OFFERINGS NEXT MONTH!!

Train Spotting: Ryan Jones



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
October 7th	SP Tower	Sykesville	Chris Hyland	T-Trak
October 21st	SP Tower	Sykesville	Chris Hyland	T-Trak
Oct.27th & 28th	Great Scale Show	Timonium Fair Grounds	Paul Diley	Show
Oct. 28th	Club Meeting	Timonium Fair Grounds	Martin	Meeting
November 18th	Club Meeting	TBD	Martin	Meeting
Dec. 12th	Setup at B&O	B&O railroad museum	LeRoy	Show set up
Dec. 15-30th	B&O Show	B&O Roundhouse	LeRoy	Show

BANTRAK CALL BOARD

CLUB WORK SESSION 2018

Contact Tim Nixon, Eric Payne, or Paul Diley 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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