



BANTRAK Newsletter

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The Engineer's Cab: Martin Myers

Summer has arrived and for many of us our interests will not be so dedicated to model railroading. I never seem to stop planning a new project. Getting around to them is another thing. A couple things get to stay on my get it done asap list.

One important project that stays front and center is our raffle layout. The modules with track were on display at our meeting in May. Electrical will be complete in time for our June meeting. Four volunteers are needed to take one module each and continue with scenery. Alan and Tim have already raised their hands. A theme is needed as well as additional volunteers to built any structures that will populate this years layout.

Speaking of our June meeting... The management has decided to m ok very the meeting to the 4th Sunday in June. Holding it on the 23rd will allow us to be with our families on Father's Day. As of this writing we will again be meeting at my workshop on Southern Avenue in 21214. Check your email for exact address and/or a change in location if another place pops up.

The N Scale Enthusiast Convention is the next big summer event. This year it is in Chicago. BANTRAK's own Skip Hayes plays a huge part in the planning and execution of this annual event. Those who attend have an enjoyable time.

Our annual club picnic is on Saturday, July 20th. Alan Del gaudio will be sending details to everyone. Don't forget to sign up to bring something to the picnic.

We discussed a few projects at our May meeting. Bob designed an alignment tool that at should help with track alignment during set up. Now that we have removed material on our modules to accommodate the new joiners, matching rail height between them is not as simple. Bob's tool is designed to simplify the task.

Possible replacement of our yard was also discussed. While still just an idea, we should begin thinking what changes and improvements might be wanted if a new yard is built. Our current yard is 20 years old and not getting any newer. A close inspection will find a dip across each section. Most of us can relate to some settling as we get older.

N Scale Weekend in Altoona is our next layout. Set up is on Friday, August 2nd at noon. The show is on the 3rd and 4th. A call for modules will be going out in early June. After those responses, I will plan the layout design and a trailer raid in time for the show. If you are planning to attend don't forget to sign up. There is a printable copy of the sign up form in our newsletter.

Regards,

Martin

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Next Meeting...

June 23rd



New Member Spotlight: Ken Maloon

It was a sincere pleasure to attend my first BANTRAK modular layout show at Timonium! It was truly a wonderful time. I also appreciate all of the patience provided by the club leaders and members at helping this “re-energized model railroading newbie” along.

My interest in N Gauge model railroading began in 1970 when my dad (Ken Sr.) and I visited a fellow S Gauge enthusiast at his home in New Jersey. My dad’s friend showed us a simple oval of an N scale layout he was working on. I recall that the locomotive was an F-7 Santa Fe Diesel. I was immediately attracted to N Gauge model RR. Prior to this introduction to N Gauge, my father and I operated an Amercian Flyer S layout in our basement in NJ. While my father’s passion was S Gauge, I only had a “so-so” interest in S Gauge. Recognizing my preference for N scale, my dad then purchased some materials and we constructed a small N layout in a very large suitcase, approx. 6’x3’. (Note: Unfortunately, I don’t have any pics of the original layout. If I locate a pic, I’ll send it to the members). I really enjoyed building the scenery and small town within the the 2 ovals. The simple layout consisted of a mainstreet surrounded by a town populated with N vehicles and people. I went so far as to string makeshift telephone cable between the poles adjacent to the flex track used for the ovals. However as time wore on, I became very involved in Boy Scouting and trekking to Philmont Scout Reservation. I presented my N layout as a Christmas present to my cousin’s son in Connecticut who was suffering from muscular dystrophy at that time.

I didn’t really have a chance to continue my model RR hobby as in 1976, I was off to college (Syracuse Univ.). At the time, I was swept up by studies, ROTC and basketball pep band. Then after graduating from SU, I was off to serve our country as an Army Signal Corps LT, travelling the world and serving in Desert Storm. During my limited free time over the years, I became very involved with

Civil War Reenacting and Living History, which today I’m still involved with but to a much lesser degree as I’m 61 years old and the Civil War hobby is a lot more conducive for the younger guys. I now work as an Army Dept. of Defense civilian at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD.

Modular N Scale railroading has provided me with the opportunity to continue a hobby that I never had the chance to enjoy in my later years. My goal is to attend the Altoona N Gauge weekend with BANTRAK in August and complete my first module in time for the October Timonium show. The plan for the module will be patterned after the Elkins, W.Va. depot and Blackwater Canyon to compliment my love of the Western Maryland RR. I genuinely look forward to sharing a hobby that I love as a new member of the BANTRAK club.

Very Best,

Ken



T-Trak: Chris Hyland

So, been asked to make this brief as possible. TTrak has been busy. Places we have been to Ohio, Timonium, Laurel, Ranson WV, Gaithersburg, Blue Ridge Summit, Sykesville.

And in Allentown, we hung in a land where things go ding ding rather than woo woo and a whole new world opened up for us.

Seen all sorts of stuff. Run all sorts of trains.

To sum it up, not much at all.

Second, on a housekeeping note: If you don't tell us you are coming and we only set up 2 straights and 4 corners. Oh well....

TTRAK calendar:

Altoona August 2 3 4

Gaithersburg August 10

-Chris



Upcoming Conventions:

Make Plans Now

27th Annual

N Scale ENTHUSIAST

2019

National N Scale Convention®

Wednesday, June 26 to Sunday, June 30, 2019

Crowne Plaza
5440 North River Road
Rosemont, Illinois 60018
847-671-6350



Upcoming Conventions:

15th Anniversary

“2019 N-Scale Weekend”

N-Scale Model Train Show

Saturday August 3rd, 10 AM till 5 PM

Sunday August 4th, 9 AM till 3 PM

ALTOONA JAFFA SHRINE CENTER

2200 BROAD Ave., Altoona, PA 16602

General Admission: \$5

Under 12 Free w/adult

Participant & Vender registration forms see below or,
e-mail: weekendscale@yahoo.com Web: www.n-scaleweekend.com

Bedford Model Railroaders c/o Mike Phillips

773 Barclay Drive, Bedford, PA 15522

Phone or Text: 814-977-4933

N-Scale Model TRAINS & SUPPLIES

TEXNRAILS, WINGARD'S TRAINS, THE N-CELLAR, CRAZY TRAINS, SCALETRAINS
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CMR PRODUCTS, ESTHERS HOBBY, MIKE SABIA, MICRO TRAINS LINES, FOX VALLEY
RANDGUST, PAUL BANNETT, GARRY LANCE STEEL, TIM CASAZZA, SCOTT LOHR,
W. NEAL TRAINS, RICK PELTZ, WURTZ TRAINS PAUL DICKASH, FRANK FEDROFF

14 Large Operating N-Scale Train Layouts + Several Small Layouts

BALTIMORE AREA N-TRAK & T-TRAK, TWIN TIERS N-TRAK, JERSEY CENTRAL N-TRACK
CAPITOL PENNSCALERS N-TRAK, GENESEE & ONTARIO MODEL N-GINEERS,
THREE RIVERS ASSOCIATES N-TRAK, NEW JERSEY SOUTHERN N-TRAK, CANTINGTON N-TRAK
PENNSCALERS, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY N-TRAK, T-TRAK DI VISION, STEEL TOWN N-TRAK
PITTSBURGH LITE TRAK, & BEDFORD MODEL RAILROADERS



MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: **BEDFORD MODEL RAILROADERS**

\$25.00 FEE FOR ALL RETURNED CHECKS.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL OR FAX: _____

“Weekend Participant” \$10 _____ Pig Roast w/ All the “Fixins” \$13 _____

Event T-Shirt: \$13 S M L XL \$15 XXL XXXL Circle Size

Total enclosed: \$ _____

EXHIBITORS & PARTICIPANTS ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOST AND OR INJURY TO THEMSELVES, FAMILY, STAFF, AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WHILE ATTENDING THIS SHOW. THEY EXPRESSLY RELEASE THE SHOW MANAGEMENT FROM LIABILITY FOR ANY LOSS AND/OR INJURY. Aug 2, 3 & 4, 2019.....



Train Spotting: Ryan Jones



Ryan caught this CN loco pulling an autorack in Elkridge, she appears a little faded and a long way from home.

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 2019 CALENDAR

Date	Event	Location	Contact	Type
June 26-30	Convention	Chicago	NA	N-Scale Convention
June 23rd	General Meeting	Paul & Vickie to host	Martin or Paul	Meeting
July 20th	Club Picnic	Al Del Gaudio's house	Al	Meeting / event
August 2-4	N-Scale week-end	Altoona	Martin	Show
Oct. 26-27th	Great Scale Show	Timonium Fair Grounds	TBD	Show

BANTRAK CALL BOARD

CLUB WORK SESSION 2019

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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