

# BANTRAK News

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## The Engineer's Cab: Chris Quinlan

Hello BANTRAKers,

Our show last weekend was an excellent start to the year! A huge thanks to Tim and all those who made the show possible. A lot of time went into planning, set-up, tear-down, and everything in between. Our presentation was excellent, and the layouts were a highlight of the show.

Additionally, we liquidated most of the donation sales items that have been on our hands for the last few months. Again, a huge thanks to the many folks who put countless hours, energy, and efforts into selling that inventory. I know Freddy and Eric spearheaded that campaign, and our club has benefited financially in a big way because of their leadership and drive.

This will be a fantastic year for our club and members. I hope everyone is excited about the various shows, planned opportunities, and those that may pop up as we go along. Maybe this is the year you will try something new with our hobby?

For me, I'm going to take some time and learn how to do DCC installs with lighting and sound features. I also plan to start working on a few modules featuring my home state of New Mexico and adjacent Colorado as is depicted in the adjacent George Werkema photo of the South West Chief (Train 4) going through Glorietta Pass, a few miles from where I grew up. While I'm vaguely familiar with these topics, I will dive in a little deeper and better my skills in those areas. I will probably be reaching out to you guys for help.

That's one of the things I love about this hobby. We each bring different skills to the table. I've never met anyone who isn't willing to share their knowledge or skills to help their fellow model railroader. These encounters give us opportunities to grow our abilities and our friendships. For me, this magnifies the enjoyment I get out of the hobby.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at my house on February 20th for our monthly business meeting. Please remember, we are still seeking a candidate for Second Vice-President. It's an excellent opportunity to serve and learn more about the workings of the club. So consider throwing your hat in the arena when we meet on Sunday!

Chris Q.



## February Show Highlights :



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## Bob Mohr's home layout : David Betz

Many of our members have seen Denise Mohr, Bob's widow, selling off his train collection over the last several years. Denise and I were chatting at the last show and she is ready to dismantle Bob's home layout. She asked me to post a message in the newsletter asking if anyone in the club would be interested in purchasing all or part of Bob's layout for their home layouts. One could purchase the entire layout and have a nice home layout or if interested in a portion to incorporate into your home layout, let me know. And I can arrange to contact Denise. For her safety and security, we are not posting her contact information in the newsletter. Please see photos and let me know if you are interested.



## Bob Mohr's home layout : David Betz



## Club Dues Invoice :

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# Baltimore Area Ntrak Inc.

## Dues Invoice

Invoice Date:  
13 February 2022

Remit to:

Due Date:  
01 May 2022

Mr. Timothy Nixon  
719 Mount Alban Drive  
Annapolis, MD 21409

Annual Club Dues  
(Including National Ntrak Newsletter)

—————→ **\$45.00**

Make checks payable to Baltimore Area Ntrak

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print a copy of this invoice and submit with payment.**

For Treasurer's Use

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_



## 2022 N Scale Convention :

*20th Annual*

**N Scale ENTHUSIAST**

2022  
**National N Scale Convention®**

Pre-Convention Trip - Tuesday June 14th  
Convention - Wednesday, June 15 to  
Sunday, June 19, 2022

**Sheraton Music City**  
777 McGavock Pike  
Nashville, TN 37214  
615-885-2200

**Make Plans Now**



Pre-Convention  
Tuesday, June 14th

**CHATTANOOGA, TN**



**NASHVILLE**



**NATIONAL  
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JUNE 15-19, 2022



# BANTRAK 2022 Calendar

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## March 6, 2022

Newsletter content deadline

***We need content please submit your articles by the deadline.***

## February 20, 2022

Club Meeting

Location: Chris Quilan's House,  
500 East Maple Road, Linthicum Heights, MD 20109  
2-5 PM

## April 30, May 1st 2022

Great Scale Show

Location: Timonium Fairgrounds  
Setup: Friday the 29th

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## BANTRAK Membership: Al Palewicz

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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 [Tim Nixon](#) for more information regarding your membership status and roster questions or contact [Al Palewicz](#) with general questions.

### Member Benefits:

- Sharing of your knowledge (railroading and 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.





## Train Spotting: David Betz



### Hagerstown MD

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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