

Northern Virginia N-Trak

Welcome to the second issue of the Northern Virginia N-Trak newsletter. A lot has happened since our last issue. We now have a real post office box and a bank account. So I guess we are becoming a real organization. However, we continue to be rather informal about how we operate, so don't worry that you are getting involved in another formal activity. We want this club to be *FUN*, not stuffy!

Club News

The Club has participated in two shows. The first was at the Fairfax County Fire Training Center in March. The second was the Greenberg Train, Toy, and Dollhouse Show at Lake Braddock Secondary School on April 4 and 5. The Greenberg show had over 3000 attendees, many of whom stopped by to see our layout. Our Club layout was selected for First Place, Best of Show among the N, HO, Lionel, Z, and G scale layouts! Congratulations to all who helped and especially those who brought their modules for the setup.

The Club has started construction on a corner module to help fill those gaps when someone misses a setup. We want to have at least two Club corners and maybe a couple Club 2' and 4' bridge modules. More info on construction in the next newsletter. We'd like everyone to help. This is a good chance to learn some module construction techniques on someone else's module before you attempt your own.

Our next business meeting will be held at my house (604 Third St., Herndon, VA) on April 23 at 7:00 PM. Please call me if you plan to attend. We will try to keep to our scheduled 7-9 PM time period. Topics on the agenda include: future setups and shows, other Club activities, Club By-Laws and fees, and Club equipment such as communications gear and throttles for setups.

This newsletter is going out to all on our mailing list. Club members will also receive a member roster. Any member who doesn't get one, please call me (Chris Riddick, 437-9247) and I'll get one out to you. Any of you on the mailing list who would like to become a member, please complete the registration form at the end of the newsletter and mail it along with a check for \$10 to us. Membership entitles you to bring your module(s) to setups and shows and/or run your trains. Anyone is welcome to come and watch. An added bonus is offered by Obies Trains, 6461 Edsall Rd, Suite 405, Alexandria, VA., phone 703-658-9520. Northern Virginia N-Trak members receive a discount on stock items.

Rail Fan News

Norfolk Southern has published its 1992 Steam schedule. Two trips leave from our area. The first departs Alexandria, Virginia for Lynchburg on April 25. The second leaves Alexandria for Front Royal on April 26. Both are round trips, and both are headed by N&W 611. These trips are sponsored by the Washington Area Joint Trip Committee, Steam Train Excursions, P.O. Box 278, Kensington, MD 20895 (no phone listed).

Classified Ads

I mentioned in our last newsletter that we were going to start a classified ad section for members who wanted to buy, sell, or trade model railroad items. I didn't get any takers, yet. We are not charging a fee for this. Any member may submit as many 1- or 2-line ads as desired.

This could be your ad!

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Membership Registration

Mail check for \$10 to:

Northern Virginia N-Trak

P.O. Box 1951

Herndon, Virginia 22070

(Membership is for the calendar year Jan - Dec, pro-rated at \$5 after July 1.)

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