



## Club News

We held our September business meeting on the 3rd of September at Obie's Trains. The main topic was a review of draft by-laws. A number of changes were suggested and it was decided to vote on the by-laws at our next general meeting in November. All full members with paid-up dues will receive a draft copy in October. We want to have an approved set of by-laws in place by January 1st.

In other business, members unanimously approved the Club officers to investigate State incorporation. The officers will determine exactly what the procedures are and how much it costs and present the information at the November business meeting for a vote.

Matt Schaefer is collecting a list of Club property and who has it. This includes barrier posts for the shows, Club modules, tools, etc. Please let Matt know what you have so we can use it at our setups and shows. Members also decided that all business meetings will be held at Obie's Trains in Alexandria. Matt Schaefer, Club Coordinator, is working on a set of operating guidelines for setups and shows. We will discuss these at the November business meeting. A motion to put together a Club toolkit was passed unanimously. We will start collecting tools and purchase a Club toolbox.

The Maxxon radio headsets are in and they work great! We tried them out at the 20 September setup. They really help the train engineers concentrate on the trains rather than the chatter back and forth across the room. We will be using them at the Greenberg show.

Everyone is reminded that if you plan to attend the monthly setup, please call the Club Coordinator Matt Schaefer (703-978-2946) by the Wednesday preceding the setup. Matt needs to know who will be there to plan the module arrangement. We need this information to speed up the assembly.

If you plan to attend the October 3-4 Greenberg show with your module, please call Matt Schaefer immediately. We have a limited amount of space and need to be sure we know how many modules are going to be there. We have name tags for Club members who are either bringing modules or helping to run trains.

Jim FitzGerald will be at the October MER in Fairfax. He is coming out to see how the new NTRAK clubs are doing. Plan to join our module setup on October 16-18 and get a chance to visit with the founder of NTRAK.

There will **not** be a setup in October. We are participating in two shows this month, so we will skip the setup.

**Business Meeting:** There will be a Club business meeting at Obie's Trains on 6 Nov from 7:00PM-9:00PM to discuss Club By-Laws. Please be there. We need as many members present as possible to ensure that decisions made are acceptable to the majority of members.

## Contest!!!

We are having a contest to create an official Club logo which will be used on membership cards, stationary, and Club literature. We have a de facto logo created by Dennis Austin which is displayed at the top of this newsletter. We want to get the Club members' opinion on the logo. Does someone have another suggestion? Any new logo ideas you have should be

sent to the Club Secretary at Northern Virginia N-Trak, P.O. Box 1951, Herndon, VA 22070. We need all ideas by November 1st. The candidates will be presented at the December business meeting/holiday party and voted upon. The creator of the winning logo will receive a prize.

## For Sale

Leonard White has a batch of aluminum N-Trak gages for \$8.00 each. These are the gages discussed in the N-Trak literature which are useful for trimming your rails to the proper length for joining modules. Call Leonard White (370-9682) if you are interested. Leonard can also get #80 drill bits in quantity for a good price.

Matt Schaefer has B&O Trix F9 B units he will trade for B&O Trix F9 A units or shells. (703-978-2946)

## Other N-Trak News

For those of you who are not aware, there is a national N-Trak organization. A bi-monthly newsletter is published with lots of info on N-Scale activities. There are also N-Trak resource booklets covering everything from module construction to throttles. You can join by sending \$5.00 to: N-Trak Publishing, 2424 Alturas Rd., Atascadero, CA 93422, (805)466-1758. Jim FitzGerald runs the organization and handles the newsletter.

## Railfan News

Norfolk Southern has many steam excursions this year headed by the N&W 611 or the Sou 4501. Coming up on October 10th is a trip from Roanoke, VA to Walton VA and on October 11th another trip from Roanoke to Bluefield, WV. If you are interested, contact the Roanoke Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society, P.O. Box 13222, Roanoke, VA 24032, (703)389-3935. This is also the weekend of the annual Roanoke Railway Festival in downtown Roanoke near the Virginia Transportation Museum.

The Pocahontas Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society is hosting the '92 Railfest at the Bluefield Youth Center, 1780 Stadium Drive (next to Mitchell Stadium in Bluefield, WV) on November 14 and 15. Hours are 9AM - 6PM Saturday and 12Noon-6PM on Sunday. Admission is \$2 per person, \$5 per family. For more info call (304)327-0026 or (304)487-3128

## Meeting Reminders

Shows & Meetings:

**Oct 3-4** Greenberg Show at Mt. Vernon High School; setup (optional Friday evening between 5 & 8 PM) Sat AM from 8:00-10:00; run 10:00-5:00 Sat & 12:00-5:00 Sun

**Oct 16-18** MidEast Regional Fairfax Convention, Fire Training Academy (call Matt Schaefer for details, 703-978-2946)

**Nov 6<sup>th</sup>** November business meeting at Obie's Trains in Alexandria (off Edsall Rd behind the Quality Inn)

**Nov 14-15** Rockville Lions Club, Rockville Senior Center (Nov 13 Fri - optional setup 6PM until 9PM; Sat 8:00AM-10:00 setup, run from 10 to 4; Sun, run from 11 to 4, tear down at 4PM)