

## Club News

Our December Holiday party was a success thanks to member Monroe Stewart who hosted the party. Monroe's basement empire was the star attraction for the party goers. Flawless operation and spectacular scenery work contribute to a first-class N-scale layout.

The Club members voted for the new logo at the party. Bernie Kempinski was the winning designer with a logo with clean lines and definitely Norfolk Southern character. The logo is displayed at the head of the Newsletter and will be placed on Club stationary and membership cards. Bernie was awarded a twenty dollar gift certificate to Obie's Trains for his efforts.

The next Club setup, normally held the third Sunday of the month, will be rescheduled for Sunday the 24th at the Reston Government Center from 2:00PM to 8:00PM. This will give everyone an opportunity to go to the Great Scale Train Show in Timonium, Maryland on the 16th and 17th. Our first business meeting of 1993 will be held on 7 January from 7:00PM to 9:00PM at Obie's Trains in Alexandria. We will be electing four more members to the Board of Directors at that time.

Everyone is reminded that if you plan to attend the monthly setup, please call the Club Superintendent 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.

Future events include the Dixie Division of the NMRA Mini Convention in March 1993 and a proposed Tri-Division meet in Richmond late in April 1993. The Club will be doing the Greenberg Show in Burke, Virginia on April 3-4.

**NOTE!** 1993 Club dues were payable by December 31, 1992. If you have not sent in your 1993 dues, please take a moment and write out a check for either Full or Associate membership and send it in so you won't miss any of the 1993 Club activities.

Check the mailing label on your

Newsletter envelope. In the right hand corner is a code identifying your membership status and expiration date. An asterisk (\*) followed by a number indicates you are on the mailing list only, and the number is the month and year you will be dropped unless you convert to an Associate or Full member. An (A) or an (F) indicates you are an Associate or a Full member. Your membership expires at the end of the month and year indicated.

## Other N-Trak News

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

## Meeting Reminders

**Jan 7** January business meeting at Obie's Trains in Alexandria (off Edsall Rd behind the Quality Inn) 7:00PM to 9:00PM.

**Jan 24** Monthly setup at the Fairfax North County Government Center on Bowman Towne Drive in Reston (it's the police station, too) 2:00PM to 8:00PM.

We hope everyone enjoyed the two-part article on the W&OD railroad in Northern Virginia. We would like to publish several more history articles this year. However, we need help from the Club members. Do you have a favorite local railroad that you can write about? Can someone do an article on the C&O, B&O, Southern, or N&W? How about the Western Maryland?

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*Deadline for article and announcement submissions for newsletter is the 15th of the preceding month. Newsletter is mailed last week of the preceding*

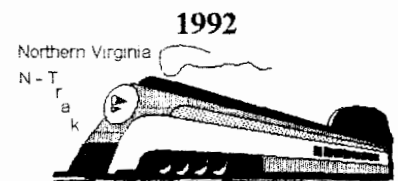
*month.*

The Club could use some help from any members qualified in accounting or law. We are investigating the possibility of incorporating the Club in Virginia as a non-profit organization. We currently are registered with the IRS as a non-profit club and have a tax identification number, but need advice on the idea of incorporation. Also, anyone interested in assisting the Club treasurer would be appreciated.

Anyone with experience in dealing with printers and the printing business should contact the Club secretary. We are planning to produce Club membership cards and stationary. If you would like to help call Chris Riddick at 703-437-9247.

Many members have experimented with new techniques for module construction and scenery. If you have developed an interesting approach to a module construction, wiring, or scenery problem, send us a note and we'll publish it in the newsletter to share with the other members.

Anyone interested in writing a monthly *New Products* column, please call Chris Riddick. We would like to keep our members up-to-date on the latest cars and engines as they are released. Also, if you have had good or bad experience with hobby shops or mail order vendors, let us know so we can pass it on.



Dennis Austin

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Bernie Kempinski