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Fairfax Station Railroad Museum By Marc Sisk

Along the Orange and Alexandria Brian Brendel, President

The Anniversary Picnic

Our monthly setup at *Fairfax Station Railroad Museum* on July 17th went quite well. This was the first official outing for one of our new trailers, **NVX3**. **Jim** and **Marg Anderson** did the transportation honors and **Brian Brendel**, decked out in his tuxedo, arranged for **Carol Sisk** to do the honors of christening the trailer with a high dollar (\$4.99) bottle of champagne.

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Could it be a *year* already? 365 whole days since the **World's Biggest Train Layout** was presented at the *Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly* by **NVNTRAK**, the world's biggest **NTRAK** club...wow! The biggest party ever, and we threw it with class!

Over 68 scale miles of mainline...over 500 convention attendees...over 1200 N-scalers total...over 15,000 public, half of them future model railroaders. In what was four incredible days, we, *you*, did it! We served our attendees with style and are still the talk of the N-Scale community. We partnered with the **N-Scale Collector Society** to bring the absolute Mecca of N Model Railroading to Chantilly. And we owe our success to all of you.

NVNTRAK is a great group of model railroaders, talented and dedicated folks with heart. We support our community and our hobby, and it shows. We spread our very good fortune from our successful train show far and wide, by supporting our selected charities and our mission of educating the public. Through cash donations to *Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children*, we have made a big difference in the lives of sick children. Through our donations to *Fairfax Station Railroad Museum*, we have shown that

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BOLD Events are NTRAK module events.

Sunday, August 7, 2005, 1300-1700 Hrs. August Back Shop; Fairfax (Franconia) Fire Station #5, 6300 Beulah Street, Alexandria VA 22310; (703) 971-5858; Contact: John Steitz; Trailers: NVX1

- Projects:
1. Testing and certification of new modules
 2. Clinics on kitbashing and weathering of rolling stock (Drye, Bowen and Langerford)

Use parking lot behind fire station

Tuesday, August 16, 2005, 2000 - 2130 Hrs. NVNTRAK Board of Directors Meeting; Mark and Carol Sisk's Home, 4020 Kloman St., Annandale, VA; Non-module event.

Saturday, August 20 - Sunday, August 21, 2005, Extended Set-up Museum Layout Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station, Virginia 22039 (703) 425-9225; Coordinator: John Steitz; Trailer: NVX3 [trailer hauler still needed]; Set-up: Saturday 10:00 - 1200 Hrs.; Clamp-down: 1100 Hrs.; Layout Type: Small-Medium NTRAK Oval, DCC option. Private train running all day/evening Saturday and Sunday AM. Layout and Caboose Layout open to public Sunday 1300-16:00 Hrs. Tear down Sunday, 1600 Hrs. OLI Display. Club BBQ: Saturday, time t.b.d.

[September Back Shop cancelled due to Labor Day Holiday Weekend.]

Saturday September 3 - Sunday, September 4, 2005: *Fairfax Station Model Train Show*; Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, P.O. Box 7, Fairfax Station, Virginia 22039 (703) 425-9225 Coordinator: John Steitz, No Trailer, No NTRAK Layout - *run caboose layout only* [We need members to take shifts running caboose layout!] Show Hours: Sat: 0900 - 1700 Hrs.; Sun. 1200 - 1600 Hrs.

Saturday, September 10 - Sunday, September 11; "The N-Scale Weekend" for N Scalars by N Scalars; Bedford, PA, [Exit 146 on PA Turnpike]; Fairgrounds 4-H Building; Bedford, PA; Coordinator: Edd Braithwood (703) 860-2899; Trailer: NVX4 [trailer hauler still needed]; Set-up: Friday 1600-2200 Hrs., Saturday 0800 - 1000 Hrs.; Clamp-down: Saturday 0900 Hrs.; Layout Type: Medium oval. Show Hours: Saturday 1000-1700 Hrs., Sunday 0900-1500 Hrs. Tear-Down: Sunday 1500 Hrs. Other: Pig Roast + Silent Auction/Swap Meet Saturday evening. Cost: \$8.00 per participant, \$10.00 extra for pig roast dinner, \$10.00 extra for event t-shirt.

Sunday, September 18, 2005, 1300-1600 Hrs. Museum Layout Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, P.O. Box 7, Fairfax Station, Virginia 22039 (703) 425-9225 Coordinator: John Steitz. Trailer: NVX4 [Trailer Hauler still needed]. Set-up: 1130 - 1300 Hrs. Clamp-down: 1200

Hrs. Unload in parking lot, then move vehicle across street to overflow lot. Layout Type: Small Oval, DCC option, run Caboose Layout, OLI

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Saturday/Sunday, September 24-25, 2005, Altoona Railfest, Altoona Station Mall, 9th Avenue and 17th Street, Altoona, PA 16602, (814)-946-3088 Coordinator: Edd Braithwood (703) 860-2899. Trailer: NVX4 [Trailer hauler still needed]; Set-up: Fri. 9/23 1700-1900 Hrs.(?); Sat. 0700-1000 Hrs.; Clamp-down: Sat. 0900 Hrs. Layout Type: Medium Oval.

Sunday, September 25, 2005, 1200 - 1900 Hrs. National Burn Camp, Arlington Cook Out [Tentative]

Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005, 1000-1600 Hrs., Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad Open House [Tentative]

Sunday, October 2, 2005, 1300-1700 Hrs. October Back Shop; Fairfax (Franconia) Fire Station #5, 6300 Beulah Street, Alexandria VA 22310; (703) 971-5858; Contact: John Steitz

- Projects:
1. Testing and certification of new modules;
 2. Scenery Work on new Club POFFs and Corners

Use parking lot behind fire station.

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005, 1000-1600 Hrs. Fire Prevention Day [Tentative]

Saturday/Sunday, October 8-9, 2005: *Great Scale Model Train Show*; Timonium Fairgrounds

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Haberdashery Update

If you order items at the Annual Meeting and have not received them, contact the *Haberdashery Proprietor*, **Brian Brendel**, as soon as possible.

View from Zoo Tower

John Steitz, Superintendent



August is a time to catch our breath and rest up for a busy fall calendar. But, we do have two fun events during the month. So, I hope you're around for one or both of them.

On Sunday, August 7, we're changing the pace of the *Back Shop* by inviting some of our kitbashing and weathering masters (Mssrs. **Bowen, Drye** and **Langerford**) to ply their craft on some rolling stock as part of a hands-on clinic. Most of the time, we're working on modules. But, since summer is a slower time, we're concentrating on locomotives and rolling stock. We will have on display the new club corners, and we may get a chance to begin scenery work on them. At 2 p.m., **Mathew Prentice**, *Asst. Superintendent for Motive Power*, would like all trailer haulers to attend a meeting to review the features of the new trailers (**NVX3** and **NVX4**) and to discuss splitting up the trailer-hauling workload during our upcoming fall calendar.

Two weekends after that, we're doing a two-day set-up at *Fairfax Station*. We will start setting up the layout around 9 AM on Saturday and then run trains all day and evening. The layout on Saturday will only be open to members and friends. Around 6 p.m. we'll have a BBQ for the club membership, to commemorate the one-year anniversary of *Capitol Limited '04*. [Has it been that long, already?] On Sunday, we can run trains by ourselves during the morning. But, we'll have the layout open to the public from 1 to 4 p.m., just as we do every third Sunday between February and November. Because this is a two-day show, I may try a U-shaped layout instead of a regular rectangle, to accommodate more modules. Because space in this layout may fill up fast, please let me know in advance if you're interested in bringing out your module.

After that, we're into our fall calendar. Please take a look at the upcoming events, and let me know if you can participate in any of them.

September starts with two out-of-town shows. On the weekend of Sept. 9-11 is the *N-Scale Meet* in Bedford, PA. This show will have several N-Scale layouts and dealers available selling N-Scale trains. The second show is *Altoona Railfest*, which has been moved forward from October to the weekend of September 24-25.

We have three potential fire station layouts in September and October - the National Burn Camp in Alexandria, the B-CC Rescue Squad in Bethesda (usually coinciding with the *Taste of Bethesda*), and Fire Prevention Day at our home base of the *Franconia Fire Station*.

Also in October is **The Great Scale Train Show** in Timonium, October 8-9. The **BOD** is holding off on a commitment to this show until we ensure that we have the local events addressed. Looking further ahead, **Greenberg Shows** is back at Chantilly in November, and we usually have a large layout there. And we should return to *Rockville Lion's Club* and *Damascus Library* in November as well.

All this, plus a *Fairfax Station Train show* over Labor Day weekend (we just have to run our caboose layout) and three regular third-Sunday Station layouts September through November.

All these shows require a Set-up coordinator and all but one require a trailer hauler. If you haven't ever done either, but would like to try doing one job or the other, please let me (or in the case of trailer hauling, Matthew Prentice) know. Those of us who have coordinated a layout or hauled a trailer all started sometime, and we can train you.

But please, review the schedule and see to which shows you could bring a module. If all our members with modules brought them out to at least one or two shows this fall, we would have no problem setting up so many layouts and running a lot of trains. Many hands make light the work.

Thanks to all who have helped in our summer layouts and I hope to see you all at either the *Back Shop* or the BBQ in August. *Semper Gumby!*

Along the Orange and Alexandria

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we honor the preservation of our local railroad heritage. Through our purchase of significant *Operation Lifesaver* educational materials, we have reaffirmed that our educational mission is paramount. And through our donation to our base of support for over ten years, the *Prince of Peace Lutheran Church*, we have proven that we don't forget the friends who have helped us attain our many successes.

I am so very proud to be a part of this organization! Every time we set up, whether it is a small display at *Movies Under the Moon* for *Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children* or a huge convention, we always have caring people who go the extra mile to show how model railroading, and especially N-Scale Modular model railroading, is FUN. We don't just say it; we live it.

On August 20 at the *Fairfax Station Railroad Museum*, **NVNTRAK** will be hosting the "**World's Biggest NTRAK Layout Anniversary Picnic**", commemorating the first anniversary of four days that will live in all of our memories for many years to come. We'll begin at 9 a.m. by setting up a layout that will wind up running for over 24 hours—all day and night Saturday just for **NVNTRAK!** At 6 p.m. Saturday, we'll have our big Anniversary Bar-B-Que, with lots of food and fellowship, so please bring your significant other and join us for the christening of the new grill that we bought for *Fairfax Station*. Burgers and dogs provided by **NVNTRAK** Chefs; bring a covered dish if you'd like.

The picnic will be followed by continued running of the layout inside the station - an *overnight*, run-until-dawn-and-beyond spectacular. Bring your sleeping bag if you want and sack out in the caboose or under the layout. Join Jake and I and the other train-crazies in a Train-athon Sleepover! From 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, the public will be able to see a regular *Fairfax Station* show. But, members shouldn't miss our great Saturday picnic and sleepover layout! See you there!

NVX4 started its road career this month, too. **Brian Brendel** loaded the **NVX2** contents into **NVX4**; **Dave Freshwater** hauled it to *Movies Under the Moon*; and **Leslie Brady** christened the trailer.

Fairfax Station Railroad Museum

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Carol had to take a couple of hearty whacks at it, but glass was finally deposited all over the parking lot and the trailer was official. **Jim Altobello** captured photos of the event. The new rolling module racks and storage containers really eased the unloading and load out chores. The trailer now is uncluttered with most everything in an easy to get to location.

Participants this month included **Nick Sklias, Phil and Janice Poole, Jim Anderson, Richard Hykes, J.B. Weilepp,** and **Steve Graf**. The layout went up very smoothly and trains were running right on time for our guests. Approximately 150 folks of all ages attended and several of the little ones received the new **NVNTRAK** button. That was a big hit with them and their parents! I manned the door to help ease the burden on the station's docent duties. Carol supplied the cold drinks. As usual, **Dave Davies** manned the caboose layout and suffered through the very hot and humid conditions out there. Thanks to Dave and all the members who came out and did the usual bang up job!

Next month is going to be a two-day event that includes a BBQ on Saturday evening to commemorate the one-year anniversary of *Capitol Limited 2004*. We will be able to run trains all day Saturday, all night and through to 4pm on Sunday.

Alexandria Waterfront Show

By Dale Rinker

[The Editor lost this article last month; Another article was drafted to cover the show. But, since Dale was the coordinator, it is worth publishing his description.]

With the cancellation of the *Manassas Railway Festival*, the *Alexandria Red Cross Waterfront Festival* became the only true outdoor show on the **Northern Virginia NTRAK** schedule. This year, we had perfect weather on June 18-19 for a show that gives everyone who wants to run trains plenty of time to do just that.

We set up in a small corner of the *Health and Safety Tent* that provides the unusual challenge of being almost one foot higher at one end than at the other. You all know that no challenge is too big for **NVNTRAK**. We just make the best of what ever comes along.

Paul Diley and **Brian Brendel** provided 12 feet each, **Jim Altobello** brought his corner junkyard, **Mat Chibbaro** and family brought a lift bridge (which saved his back) and *Bikini Bottom*, my 8 foot *POFFs* along with three corners from **NVX2** completed a nice size oval, which allowed for some great train running. **Dave Freshwater** spent his weekend providing **OLI** information to our visitors. The return of a long time friend and member of **NVNTRAK**, **Bobby Richeson**, added to the fun and excitement of this great outdoor show.

Great food, fantastic entertainment and a spectacular fireworks display on the Potomac River provided a wonderful backdrop for yet another great **NVNTRAK** set up in the great outdoors.

No Red Cross show would be complete without a visit from

Rail Fest at Martinsburg, WV

By Cotton Bowen

In the old days, it was the practice of commanders to honor the troops that distinguished themselves in combat by making comments on their actions in dispatches. This is the dispatch from the *Battle of the Martinsburg Rail Fest*. Yes, there was even a Civil War skirmish in the back yard; but I refer to something else.

The members of **NVNTRAK** who are distinguished by their action are **Edd Braithwood, Howard Beall, James Altobello, Glenn McLain, Dave Greenacre**, and most humbly myself. The layout, composed of Edd's *M&K Yard*, Howard Beall's *POFF* and corner, three of my *POFFs*, and several *POFFs* from the club trailer, was constructed in the old **B&O** Roundhouse in the former Martinsburg Rail Yard. The Roundhouse is one of two surviving **B&O** structures of this type. A magnificent structure that is well on the way to total renovation. The work that has been done was impressive. Even the turntable works.

The problem, though, was the heat and lack of lighting! Brutal heat and dim lighting are the operative terms. These old round houses served their purpose well; but on days when a heat alert has been issued, they are tough places to do set ups and keep things running. The newly installed roof windows, non-opening, created a bubble of hot air that makes one respect the old time railroad workers that worked in these structures before air conditioning was invented. Lack of air circulation and only natural lighting made setup and operations a challenge. Edd's provision of water and ice, and a few box fans, helped; but it was still one of the most uncomfortable layouts I have attended. Blame the weather! If it had been a cool fall day, it would have been a different story. During Sunday's heavy rainstorm, we even went into night-time operations, with the headlamps of our locomotives providing the major indication of how the trains were progressing.

Not all was challenging. On a high note, we were treated to several rock and roll band concerts by the *Hubcaps*, a Blue Grass concert by the *Stony Creek Band*, and many **CSX** and **AMTRAK** trains rolling through.

All in all, if you want to run trains and can tolerate heat, this was the weekend to do it. With only, at most, four members present with trains, we ran a lot of trains, and that's what it is all about.

For Sale

Paul Diley is reducing his N-Scale collection. He has over 30 engines and a lot of cars, including **M-T** cars, for sale. Paul plans to have his collection at the *Back Shop* on August 7th. So, bring your cash and see what items will fit well into your collection.

John Drye. Although a small show by club standards, I think this is one of the best shows we have and I personally thank **JD** for the opportunity to participate in and coordinate this show.

NVNTRAK BOD Meeting—July 19th, 2005*By Marc Sisk, Secretary*

The **BOD** meeting was convened at 8:00PM. Four of seven members were present, **Brian Brendel**, **Marc Sisk**, **Nick Sklias** and **Matt Guey-Lee**. **John Drye** arrived just as the meeting was adjourning.

Brian Brendel mentioned that his trip to the *NMRA National Train Show* was a lot of fun. He sensed that there is a lot of interest in the *World's Greatest Hobby* show at Chantilly next February. Some initial feelers will go out to gauge interest from other clubs prior to formal invites. **Jim** and **Marg Andersen** have produced 15 skirts for the club. Brian has made contact with the owner of the *Hobby Works* chain of hobby shops and that the owner would like to join the club. Brian is also researching with him the potential for a future layout in the *Fair City Mall* location in Fairfax.

Carol Sisk christened the **NVX3** trailer at the Fairfax Station setup on the 17th of July. The unloading and loading of the new trailer at the station was very efficient using the new module racks and boxes. It is neat and uncluttered. Any ideas for further improvements are encouraged. The **BOD** discussed moving the contents from **NVX2** to the other new trailer, **NVX4**, and then selling **NVX2**. It was agreed that this is the best course of action, as storage of four trailers at the fire station is becoming an issue with the station.

John Steitz was not present but did provide input via email. The Bedford and Altoona shows have been approved. The *October Scale Show* at Timonium decision was tabled for this month. Brian will coordinate shows at the *Burn Camp at Arlington Fire Station #5* and a *Fire Prevention Day show* at the Franconia Fire Station. The timeline for the two-day event in August at *Fairfax Station* was approved. This would include a BBQ on Saturday and an opportunity for overnight train operations in the station. This will be the celebration that marks the one-year anniversary of *Capitol Limited*. As usual, upcoming events will be shown in the *Rail Events Timetable* with all coordinating instructions. Please refer to them for details on these and other future events. Also, see the last **Call Board** for information regarding a contest for the new corner modules.

Steve Jackson was not present but reported that the club is in good financial condition.

Old business - The **BOD** discussed the need for an additional lift bridge. It was decided that one is not needed at this time.

New Business - The club needs to publish a member roster as the last one was done some ten months ago. **Dave Freshwater** will work with Steve Jackson to do this in the August or September **Call Board**.

The BOD meeting adjourned at 9:15PM.

DOT to study safer seats, tables for commuter trains

The Department of Transportation's (DOT) Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA) on Wednesday, July 20, launched a new project to make seats and tables on commuter trains safer. The project plans to design a worktable that will absorb energy upon impact and reduce the risk of head, chest, abdomen and leg injuries. In addition, improved three-person seats will be developed to reduce the risk of head,

Trailer Hauling*By Matthew Prentice**Assistant Superintendent for Motive Power*

Noun: motive power - the power or ability to move.

Noun: NVNTRAK Motive Power Division (MPD)— the club members who volunteer to help haul trailers to and from our train shows.

How do our trailers magically get to the train shows? With the assistance of the *Motive Power Division*. We are a small group of club members who are able to assist with hauling the trailers. We are not necessarily experts at backing up our vehicles with a trailer attached. But, we do have a vehicle with a hitch and we don't mind going out of our way occasionally to pick up and drop off the trailers.

We need your help! We need more people to join the MPD.

Without the trailers, most shows would not happen. The **T-TRAK** and *Nn3* folks have successfully run shows without the trailers. They don't need the corner modules or the occasional extra POFF, nor all the electrical pieces to run a layout. **NTRAK** shows, on the other hand, do need a trailer. Sure, this club and many others have run **NTRAK** shows without trailers, but then all the stuff found in our trailers are hauled by individuals. Want to know the bad thing about that? Ask the Lionel guys about the 2003 Rockville show. Someone forgot to put the power supplies in their car and had to go back and get them. I don't recall if they had their trains running by the official start of the show or not.

The trailers provide us an easy, compact way of ensuring we have everything we need for a successful show. But we need to get the trailer to the show.

How can you help? If you have a pickup (small or large), an SUV, minivan, or another type of vehicle that has a hitch, please contact me. If you are thinking that you would like to help but don't have a hitch, don't let that stop you. I'll be more than happy to work with you to determine if your vehicle is capable of pulling a trailer and to help you find the right hitch. Our current list of vehicles for haulers includes a 4-cylinder Toyota pickup, minivans, Jeep Cherokees, F-150/250/350 pickups. The 4-cylinder has even hauled our biggest trailer to the Fairfax Station shows.

As you know, most of our shows are local to the metro DC area. We don't usually need to haul the trailers long distances, so the strain is not a concern. For the shows that are further out, we try to find haulers with the more capable vehicles. We also try to spread the hauling duties around so one person does not get burned out as a trailer hauler. The second to last thing we need to do is burn out a hauler so they don't want to haul again. The last thing we want to do is not provide a trailer to a show when one is needed.

Even if you think you can help out one time a year, please let me know at prentice@comcor.net. Or stop by the *MPD* meeting during the August *Back Shop*.

chest, and leg injuries. Research has found that it is possible to make passenger train travel safer using a combination of structural crashworthiness and occupant protection.

Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/rita805.htm>

JULY PHOTO ALBUM



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Department of Corrections

Several mistakes last month.

- Date on the BOD column was May 17th versus the actual June date of June 21st.
- The Alexandria article was lost.
- Photo Credits were not updated

June Photo Credits

Page 1—Dave Freshwater and Jim Altobello, respectively

Page 4—Dave Freshwater

Page 5—Matt Schaefer

Page 6—Wings and Wheels—Jim Altobello; Train Rec—Steve Jackson

Page 8—Silver Spring—Dave Freshwater; OLI—Gil Brauch

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1. Dave Freshwater

2. Mat Chibarro

3. Mat Chibarro

4. John Cook

5. John Cook

Mystery Sleepers—In order—Paul Diley, Bobby Richeson, Howard Beall; photos by Jim Altobello, Dave Freshwater, Jim Altobello

Mailing Wrapper—Jim Altobello

Editors Note

A club member roster is published for members only on pages 6-10 this month. Web versions and non-club member mailings do not include those pages.

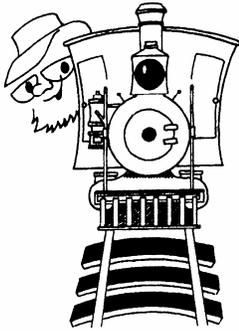
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NVNTRAK also has a Yahoo Group. One advantage of the Yahoo Group is that files can be uploaded and shared. To join the Yahoo Group, if you are not already a member, go to: <<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NVNtrak/>>. There will be a button there that allows you to join.

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Editor—David Freshwater

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No Pizza this year. What will they serve at the anniversary BBQ? Come to Fairfax Station on August 21 and find out. See page 1.