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DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR MODULE INVENTORY!

Dulles Expo Revisited (August 23-24, 2008) By Jim Anderson

Friday afternoon, members arrived at Dulles Expo between 400 and 630 and set up a double loop off a spine, i.e., a small scale version of 2004 *Capital Limited* convention layout. Intent was to better understand how to use the junctions in a layout, since Landmark Mall shows ceased and no longer offer that opportunity. The small loop hosted the mountain line with **Kip Petzrick's** two mountain POOFs with Connecting Bridge as described in last months *Call Board*. The larger loop included two new POOFs by **Steve Graf** which are a nice complement to his "Wind Farm" corner. Modules were also provided by **Nick Sklias, Dave Greenacre, Rod Bohlmann, Jim Davis, Jim Anderson, Mike Landgrover, Josh Weillepp, Dave Freshwater** and **Cotton Bowen** in addition to club junctions, a mountain POOF, mountain corners and the lift bridge. **Frank Panek** and **Jim LaBaugh** joined us in setup but didn't have modules. **Frank** rejoined the club after several years out of the area and will focus on TTRAK. We had the new Aristo controllers and control box that **Jim Davis** made. The Yellow line, Blue line and Kip's Green mountain line with the Connecting Bridge ran both days in their respective loops. We had to red line two modules for ballast in the track and faulty turn-out power, which emphasizes the need to check out your modules at a Backshop before a show. **Rod, Jim Davis, and Dave Greenacre**, each worked intermittently on the Red line power and junctions and finally got the full loop running on Sunday. With the double-double loops and separate mountain line, there was lots of train running time for all. **Dave Freshwater, John Cook** and others gave OLI presentations. **Fresh** also did several impromptu scenery and wiring clinics and **John** had the Country Store up with brisk interest. We also saw several members as visitors including **John Steitz** and **Tom Rackers**. Greenberg's had many vendors including **Doc Thatcher** of Granddad's (WV) with his

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The View from the Cab

Dave Freshwater,
President



It is that time of year; the three month spread of events when the *Rail Events Timetable* reaches all the way to the last month of the year. And, given the way the calendar falls this year, 2008 is going out with a bang. We have one free weekend in October and somehow managed to get 2 free weekends in November. But, we make up for it in December when every weekend has an event. We had so many things on the calendar (and only 4 weekends in December) that we moved the holiday party to January. If you have to make a New Year's Resolution to run more trains in 2009, well, you just weren't trying hard enough in the last 3 months of 2008!

Many of the events on our calendar are old favorites. As everyone knows, our first set-up was at the Rockville Lions' Club show in November 1991. So this will be our 18th annual appearance. This year marks the 10th annual appearance for both the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad and Damascus Library set-ups. And this will be our lucky 13th annual appearance in the caboose at Fairfax Station for their December train show. Our editor, **Chester Freedenthal**, handled that first caboose set-up in December 1996, only a few months after our first convention.

Since I started out writing this column to look ahead and give you an early idea of what is com-

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The Rail Events Timetable shows events for the current month. For future events see page 7.

NVNtrak October — December Events

Wear NVNtrak Members ID to all events—**BOLD** events indicate set-ups.

Saturday, October 4th, 1000-1600 Hrs. BCC Rescue Squad Open House, NTRAK and TTRAK Layouts. Old Georgetown Road and Battery Lane, Bethesda, MD. NTRAK and Overall Coordinator & Trailer Hauler (NVX-3): Dave Freshwater Set-up: 0800-1000 Hrs. Clamp-down: 0900 Hrs. Small NTRAK layout. TTRAK Coordinator: Steve Jackson, (703) 323-5985.

Sunday, Oct. 5th, 1300-1700 Hrs.: Back Shop. Fairfax (Franconia) Fire Station #5, 6300 Beulah Street, Alexandria VA 22310. Contact: Rod Bohlmann. Trailer: N/A

Saturday, October 11th, 1000-1700 Hrs. Fire Prevention Day, Fairfax (Franconia) Fire Station #5, 6300 Beulah Street, Alexandria VA 22310; (703) 971-5858. Coordinator: t.b.d., Trailer: Coordinator's discretion. Small NTRAK layout.

Saturday/Sunday, October 11-12: Great Scale Model Train Show, Cow Palace, Maryland State Fair Grounds, Timonium, MD. Show Hours: Saturday 0900-1600 Hrs., Sunday 1000 – 1600 Hrs.

Thursday, Oct. 16th-Sunday, Oct. 19th, MER Convention Chantilly. Sheraton Reston, 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20191, (703) 620-9000. Contact: Rod Bohlmann. Trailer: t.b.d. Multi-loop layout for operations. More details to follow

Sunday, October 19th, 1300-1600 Hrs.: Museum Layout, Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, P.O. Box 7, Fairfax Station, VA 22039 (703)425-9225. Coordinator: Cotton Bowen. Trailer: NVX-3. Set-up: 1100 - 1200 Hrs.

Tuesday, October 21st, 2000-2200 Hrs. NVNTRAK Board of Directors Meeting, Prentice Home, 7314 Briarcliff Drive, Springfield, VA 22153 Non-module event.

Saturday, October 25, 2008, 0900 – 1130 Hrs: Semi-annual Ravensworth Road Trash Pick-up, Springfield, VA. Coordinator: JB Weilepp. Meet at Smith and Clarkson's Deli in the Ravensworth Shopping Center at 9:00 a.m. Bring work gloves. Rain Date: November 1, 2008

Sunday, November 2nd, 0900 - 1600 Hrs.: Gaithersburg Model Train Show, Montgomery County Fairgrounds (Old Auditorium), Gaithersburg, MD. Coordinator: Dave Freshwater. Trailer: NVX3 Set-up: Saturday, 1800-2000 Hrs., Sunday, 0700-0900 Hrs.; Clampdown: Sunday, 0800 Hrs. 30' x 14' max. NTRAK layout in a revitalized train show (adjunct to railroadania show in next building).

Sunday, November 2nd, 1300-1700 Hrs.: Back Shop. Fairfax (Franconia) Fire Station #5, 6300 Beulah Street, Alexandria VA 22310. Contact: Rod Bohlmann. Trailer: N/A

Saturday, November 8th, 1000-1600 Hrs.: Damascus Railroad Day, Damascus Community Library, 9701 Main Street, Damascus, MD 20872, (301) 253-5100 Coordinator: Dave Freshwater (301) 717-6501 Trailer: NVX3 Set-up: 0800-1000 Hrs. Clamp-down: 0900 Hrs. Layout Type: Small oval, OLI

Saturday/Sunday, November 8-9th: Rockville Lion's Club Train Show, Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, Rockville, MD, (240) 314-5019 Coordinator: t.b.d. Trailer: NVX4 [Trailer Hauler still needed] Set-up: Sat. 0700-1000 Hrs. Clamp-down: Sat. 0900 Hrs. Show Hours: Sat. 1000-1700 Hrs., Sun. 1000-1600 Hrs. Layout type: Medium Oval. Anniversary of NVNTRAK's first public layout.

Sunday, November 16th, 1300-1600 Hrs.: Museum Layout, Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, P.O. Box 7, Fairfax Station, VA 22039 (703)425-9225. Coordinator: Cotton Bowen. Trailer: NVX-3. Set-up: 1100 - 1200 Hrs.

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Plainly Complex

RJ Bohlmann, Superintendent 2008

Time is on our side. So goes a positive expression. We find that to be true in our club as well. As time moves on so does the season and the club's commitments. Yet, there are events that seem to make time stand still.

This week end is one of those events. As NVNtrak supports the *National Burn Camp* the delight of the campers brings home the reason we are in this hobby. We do this to entertain and educate the public who come to our shows. Even in this little layout the big payoff is for the campers' delight to see the small trains do their thing.

Looking past that event we have the opportunity to involve the members of NMRA who gather in Virginia in October. These members will also be looking for delight in the running trains. As we prepare for these events it is time to keep our vision clear.

The work of members new and old comes together at the level that we enjoy. We need to find the same enjoyment of our own efforts as our public does. A club member told me that the primary reason he joined the club to run trains. That I must say is a big part of my enjoyment. Another club member told me that when I agreed to be superintendent I would not have as much opportunity to run trains. That too has shown to be true as time unfolds.

When potential members come around to see how to be involved they invariably look for the opportunity to run trains.

The nitty gritty of keeping a layout running and up to snuff seems often to overshadow the goal of enjoying the time together and running trains. As we get ready for fall, come to the shows and backshop with a spirit of enjoyment and the complexity of our efforts will become more plain.

Pick a goal for yourself to learn the details of one

or the other throttle options, analog or dcc, and make your time pay off by getting there to hook up throttles at a show as time marches on. Contact me or **Jim Davis** and we will be glad to share the knowledge so necessary to getting the trains running

Bedford N-Scale Weekend 2008 by Phil Poole

Once again this August 22-24, **Mike Philips** and the *Bedford Model Railroaders* hosted their 4th Annual N-scale Weekend show at the *ProCare Sportsplex* located on Route 30 three miles east of Bedford, Pennsylvania.

Without a doubt this N-scale show is truly for the N-scalers of the model railroad world. There were numerous individual layouts by clubs from Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. In addition a number of vendors peddling their N-scale wares were in attendance at the show, which combined with the layouts just about filled the entire complex.

The festivities began on Friday when clubs and vendors arrived from noontime through the afternoon into the early evening. The show was opened to the public 1000 AM to 500 PM Saturday and 900 AM to 3 00 PM Sunday. Those from NVNTRAK who made the trek to Bedford and took part with their modules or helped otherwise in the show were **Edd Braithwood, Jim Altobello, Howard and Betty Beall, Jim Nickles, Janice and Phil Poole, Robert Parsells, Leonard and Jackie White, Brian and Michelle Brendel and Ed, Chris and Patrick Hyland.** The NVNTRAK setup was a sizeable L-shaped layout, which incorporated a "lift bridge" and two 4 foot corners.

Mike Philips and the Bedford gang again fea-

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The Hostler's Shack

By Matt Schaefer

Matt's Column will return next month.

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Tuesday, November 18th, 2000-2200 Hrs. NVNTRAK Board of Directors Meeting, Prentice Home, 7314 Briarcliff Drive, Springfield, VA 22153 Non-module event.

Saturday - Sunday, Dec. 6-7: Holiday Model Train Show [Caboose layout only] Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, P.O. Box 7, Fairfax Station, Virginia 22039 (703) 425-9225 Contact: t.b.d. No Trailer Show. Hours: Sat. 1000-1700, Sun. 1200-1600 *No NTRAK Layout operate Caboose layout only.*

Friday - Saturday, Dec. 12-13: South Columbia Baptist Church Christmas Show [T-TRAK only] South Columbia Baptist Church, 8814 Guilford Rd., Columbia, MD 21046. Coordinator: Nick Sklias (301) 325-8293 Set-up: Friday, 1800-1900 Hrs. Click-together: 1830 Hrs. Display Friday evening, 1900-2100 Hrs, Saturday, 1500-2130 Hrs. T-TRAK layout only. No trailer.

Saturday - Sunday, Dec. 13-14: Town of Herndon Holiday Festival, Train Depot Museum, 717 Lynn Street, Herndon, VA 20170 Coordinator: Janice and Phil Poole (703) 830-1830, Janphilpoole@aol.com. Trailer: NVX4 [Trailer Hauler still needed.] Set Up Sat 0800-1000. Show Hours: Sat. 1000-1700, Sun. 1200-1600 Small NTRAK layout.

Saturday, Dec. 13th, 0900-1430 Hrs.: Train Collectors Association Toy and Train Show [T-TRAK only] Kena Temple, 9001 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA Coordinator: Steve Jackson (703) 323-5985 nvntrak_stevej@verizon.net. Set-up: 0700- 0900 Hrs. Click-together: 0830 Hrs. TTRAK layout only. No trailer.

Saturday, Dec. 13th: VRE Operation Lifesaver Santa Trains [Non-module event]. Primary participants are OL presenters. Coordinator: Dave Freshwater.

Tuesday, December 16th, 1900-2100 Hrs. NVNTRAK Board of Directors Meeting, Prentice Home, 7314 Briarcliff Drive, Springfield, VA 22153 Non-module event.

Saturday - Sunday, Dec. 20-21: Holiday Train Layout, IKEA College Park, 10100 Baltimore Ave., College Park, MD 20740 (301)-345-6552 Coordinator: Paul Diley Set-up: Friday (12/19): 2100 -2300 Hrs.; Saturday: 0700-0900 Hrs. Clamp-down: Saturday, 0800 Hrs. Show Hours: Sat. 0900-2100 Hrs., Sun. 1000-2000 Hrs. Layout Type: 30' X 10' oval.

[No 3rd Sunday Fairfax Station Layout in December.]

Saturday - Sunday, Dec. 27-28th: Greenberg Train Show Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly, VA Coordinator, trailer, and layout: t.b.d. Set-up: Fri.: 1200-2000 Hrs.; Sat.: 0700-1000 Hrs. Clamp-down: Sat. 0900 Hrs. Show Hours: Sat. and Sun.: 1000-1600 Hrs. Drive-in unloading Friday only.

Holiday Party will be in January, 2009!



Inventory of Modules

The NVNTRAK Board of Directors is conducting an inventory of member N-scale modules that have appeared in Northern Virginia or NTRAK N-scale events. As NVNTRAK is a “big tent” club, we want to include all types of N-scale modules, NTRAK, T-TRAK, oNeTRAK, and Nn3, which have appeared or are ready to appear in a future Northern Virginia or NTRAK event in this inventory. All NVNTRAK members are encouraged to participate in this important inventory. Completed inventory worksheets can be given to any member of the Board of Directors or may be e-mailed to jbweilepp@verizon.net. The inventory will continue through the end of this year.

How to participate

On the other side of this page is the inventory work sheet. This work sheet is designed to collect basic information about each N-scale module that has or is ready to appear in a NTRAK venue.

Type of Module – List the type of module being described – NTRAK, T-TRAK, oNeTRAK, Nn3.

Number – This is intended to capture the number of modules that is being described. For example, if two or more modules compose a single description such as “Down at Union Station”, then note 2 in this column.

Module Name – List name if the module(s) has one.

Dimensions – This should be length and depth of the module(s). For example, NTRAK modules usually measure 4’ by 2 ‘.

Connectors – This column captures the type of electrical connection, Cinch-Jones, Power Poles, both, or other, that each module has.

Additional Features – Many modules may have additional features such as being a yard or having a passing siding. Other features include any automated devices on the module such as street cars or other +moving objects.

Year Built – If known. Best estimate is okay.

Digital Photo – Do you have any digital photos of your module(s). If so, would you permit them to be include on the NVNTRAK web site?

Questions about the inventory may be directed to JB Weilepp either in person or at jbweilepp@verizon.net.

NVNTRAK Inventory of Member Modules

Member's Name:

<u>Type of Module</u> <small>(See Note #1)</small>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Module Name</u>	<u>Dimensions</u>	<u>Connectors</u> <small>(See Note #2)</small>	<u>Additional Features</u> <small>(See Note #3)</small>	<u>Year Built</u>	<u>Digital Photo</u> <small>(Y/N)</small>
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Note #1 List whether module is NTRAK, T-TRAK, or NetRAK, or Vin3

Note #2 List whether module is wired with Cinch-Jones, Power Poles, both, or other

Note #3 List if module has Yard, Mountain Line (Green), Passing Siding, has annotation, or other feature

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ing, 2009 will bring about some changes. Formal announcements of the Annual Meeting and elections are still beyond the horizon. However, we will have 2 slots on the Board of Directors come open as **Ann Prentice** and **Nick Sklias** reach their term limits. In addition, after I don't recall how many years of service as the webmaster for **NVNTRAK**, **Matthew Prentice** is going to step aside. (I am not sure that Matthew and Ann are going to have time for a well-deserved rest, as Kyla and Luke are getting both faster and into more activities.) Of course, we always need members to step up as trailer haulers and set-up coordinators. If you are interested in any of these positions or activities that help keep the club in business, talk to me or one of the other Board members at an event.

At one of our recent set-ups, as I watched us struggle with getting the layout operational, I had an epiphany: Everything that was going on, we had been through before. And I don't mean the week before, I mean years ago. A dozen years ago, we were using equipment in designs and configurations that were well beyond the manufacturer's expectations. We had even created power supplies (thanks, **Edd Braithwood**) to speed set-up of the layout electrical components. We wrote down some of what we did, but mostly passed the information on according to tribal traditions, we told others about it. And, if we didn't use that skill, or the designer moved away or went to another set-up or just had something else to do that weekend, we lost the knowledge.

Well, we are going to try and avoid having my successor in 10 or 12 years write about his epiphany. There are instructions being written for the new centralized Aristo boxes. We are going to put those to a beta test with a wide range of members because they have to be understood by a wide range of members, not just the person or committee who wrote the instructions. There are efforts ongoing for the DCC boxes, but we have to regain basic skills in running DCC before we can write it down. And – if we can resist the urge to stop seeing how many possible ways there are to set up loops and junctions – I can only hope that we will see the last of the “secret” junction committees because we will have wiring and set-up instructions. **JB Weilepp** is heading up another couple of tasks for the Board – coordinating a rewrite of the **New Member Call Board**, which hasn't been updated since 2003, and coordinating the effort to identify all the modules under **NVNTRAK** auspices, whether club or individual member modules. None of this is going to happen quickly, but at least we have recognized the problem and started on the fix.

And, if you find me at some working session with my head in the wiring of a module muttering about the idiot who didn't mark down what all the wires and positions on the terminal block were for, check and see if I am working on my own module. Yes, sir. All that nice white plywood under there and I didn't mark which of the Tortoise pins on the terminal block were for the normal and divert positions of the turnout. It took me less than 8 years to forget. If you did anything

more complex than a POFF, you might want to look under your module(s) and see if you can recreate your logic. It has to be easier to trace now, before something goes wrong (which is the other thing that I am battling. Learn from my mistakes.)



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tured their “pig roast” and all the fixins' for the Saturday evening meal, which was much, appreciated by the hungry model railroaders and vendors in attendance. There was even plenty of food for seconds for those who wished to indulge. Following the “pig roast” an auction was held outside the complex, the proceeds of which were donated to the Holsopple Station renovation project.

All told it was a great time for model railroaders to get together and enjoy a common interest and good conversation. We are looking forward to the 5th annual Bedford N-Scale Weekend next year. So mark your calendar now and plan a trip to Bedford, PA next year to join in the fun.

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focus on periodicals and books. Tear down went smoothly and the new NVX-3 trailer was repacked and returned to Franconia.

Trailer Haulers Wanted

NVNTRAK is looking for old and new trailer haulers. If you were or are currently a trailer hauler or would like to become one, NVNTRAK would like to know. All trailer haulers and trailer haulers-to-be should notify any member of the Board of Directors or sign up at the October and November back shops.

Northern Virginia NTRAK
Board of Directors Meeting
August 19, 2008

The **BOD** meeting was convened at 7:02 pm at **John Drye's** home. Six board members were present: **Dave Freshwater, Ann Prentice, Rod Bohlmann, JB Weilepp, Nick Sklias,** and **Phil Poole.** **John Drye,** as host, attended the meeting.

Dave brought the meeting to order and asked if any BOD members had questions regarding the July BOD minutes, so that they could be considered final and sent to the Call Board. No one had any issues beyond comments that may have been sent to **Jim Anderson** in email. **Dave** then began a general discussion regarding set-up coordinators and trailer hauling duties, so that we ensure that someone is on hand to direct members when they arrive at a set-up and that a trailer arrives in a timely manner. **Rod Bohlmann** also filled in the names of set-up coordinators and trailer haulers for the remaining August and September events of the calendar. This discussion also included a number of topics regarding events: whether there was a need to provide a reminder about the duties of club members at set-ups, consideration regarding updating the New Member Call Board; conducting a survey of club members regarding events that are on the calendar; and conducting an inventory of all operational modules owned by members. **JB** agreed to coordinate the survey and the inventory. Elements of this discussion touched on observations from the DCE layout.

Dave also reported on the Club outing to the Nationals game – that 30 seats were sold for the outing and that checks were expected to arrive in the club mail from 2 members.

Ann Prentice reported on the number of members and the club's financial status. There were several issues regarding closing out club participation in the DCE layout, including what appeared to be a double charge for the truck rental (which **JB** and **Ann** resolved later in the week and reported through email to the BOD that all issues were resolved.)

JB Weilepp reported on an OL presentation at the Manassas Museum and mentioned that there was interest in a future TTRAK set-up at the venue,

A motion to adjourn that was passed at 9.20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, **Jim Anderson** *NVNTRAK Secretary*

Nn3 Update by Jim LaBaugh

Imagine a convention hotel just feet away from mainline traffic... It was not the Henry Clay in Richmond, but the Holiday Inn Airport in Portland, Oregon, the site of the 28th National Narrow Gauge convention the week of September. Yes, Virginia, Autoracks, double stacks, etc. rolled on by the front of the hotel as some 1,500 narrow-minded RR modelers convened for the usual festivities. And in the background was a volcano - Mt. Hood! The entire week was blessed with crystal clear cloudless blue sky, so seeing the Cascades Volcanoes around Portland and Seattle was not a problem.

The first two days of the convention had layout tours in and around Seattle, some 170 miles from Portland. Having gone to the furthest one some 200 miles from Portland on day 1, and working back toward Olympia, this reporter opted to visit some serious 1:1 live steam on day two - a visit to Mt. St. Helens, only an hour and a half from the convention site. The next 3 days of the convention included mornings and evenings of clinics, along with operation of two sectional layouts in the convention hotel - the Fn3 Sundance Central and an On30 Oregon logging operation. An adjacent building housed some 90 vendors, including two that offered N-scale kits - Wild West Models (www.wildwestmodels.com) and RSLASERKITS (www.Rslaserkits.com).

Afternoons in the latter part of the convention were devoted to layout visits in the Portland area, including Tom Miller's 71/2 inch gauge live steam outdoor layout - where visitors got to ride over 7500 feet of track, complete with 200 foot trestle and bridge as well as a 300 foot tunnel; and his indoor Fn3 (1:20.3) layout, in a 45 foot x 90 foot building with 27 foot walls. The indoor layout had rock castings from floor to ceiling and represented well-known stops along the Rio Grande Southern. Walking through the layout as it cycled from day to

night and back again was a remarkable experience. Also, attendees really enjoyed a visit to Rob Carey's standard-gauge N-scale D&RGW Tennessee pass layout - look for articles in the N-scale press as he has done excellent work capturing the feel of the Colorado high country.

On the Friday of the convention, some 30 Nn3ers were invited to Marshall Thomson's house on the banks of the Columbia River for a all-day Nn3 Symposium. Clinics included basic scenery and track laying, narrowing the Con-Cor goose (which appeared in an article in the Sept/

Oct 2007 of N-Scale Rail-roading), auto-indexing turntable, and new offerings of K-27s, 28s, 36s and 37s from GHQ once a suitable mechanism is located. A highlight was viewing Marshall's Nn3 sectional layout that won first place at the 1987 NMRA national. His Republic Locomotive Works



(www.republiclocomotiveworks.com) has been the mainstay of Nn3 modeling for more than 20 years. Some of you may remember his booth at the NVNTRAK 1996 and 2004 National conventions. He not only hosted the symposium, and arranged for a tour of a nearby maritime museum, but fed all attendees with a dinner of freshly caught chinook salmon that he barbequed.

The convention concluded on Saturday evening with presentation of awards from the model contest, decided by popular vote, presentation of information about the venues for subsequent years, and a roast of the narrow-minded that was scale independent, delivered by Charlie Getz.

The 2011 convention will be held in Hickory, NC, so all you Mann's Creek and ET&WNC modelers best get busy. Hickory will be a good opportunity for NVNTRAK Nn3ers to carry the NVNTRAK banner to yet another narrow-minded convention.

September Photos

By Jim Altobello



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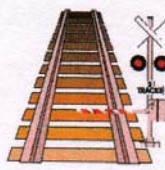

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NVNTRAK also has a Yahoo Group. This list is maintained by **Dave Davies**. One advantage of the Yahoo Group is that files can be uploaded and shared. To join the Yahoo Group, if you are not already a member, go to: <<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NVNtrak/>>.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

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Party at the Andersons on
Sunday Jan 11, 2009. 1-6pm.**

**With the holiday schedule and many Club oppor-
tunities to run trains in December, the party was
moved to early January with a return engagement
at the Andersons in Bristow VA. Your chance to
really get the gift you didn't get in December.**