

**President's
Message**



Ron Wood

MAY 2003 THOUGHTS

There will be a membership meeting on Saturday May 17th at the Nashua Public Library in Nashua, NH at 1:00 p.m. It will be in the East wing room. We have the room from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The only restriction is that we aren't allowed food or drinks in the room, so please take that into account when planning your lunch. I would like this to be a membership meeting where we can discuss several items of interest to the club. I encourage members to come with ideas and thoughts on how to improve the club. I also send an invitation to the newest of members. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow members and hopefully get any questions answered. I hope this can be the start of more frequent membership meetings. I'd like to see perhaps two or three meetings per year in addition to the annual meeting. Also, having these meetings should make the annual business meeting much shorter as we will have a chance to discuss items on a more regular basis.

Work continues on the Paper Mill buildings on the end loop. These will be in operation at the Hooksett, NH show on April 27th. We hope to have DCC operational on the yellow line so we can do some switching.

One item that has come up is from the OneTrak folks: why don't we do more shows with OneTrak? One idea is to have a layout that features OneTrak and finds a way to use the end loops and junction corner modules.

Dan Pawling has been working diligently on the club shirts and has those pretty much finished. The club logo has been changed a little to a red color on a blue outline. It should look pretty sharp on the blue shirts!
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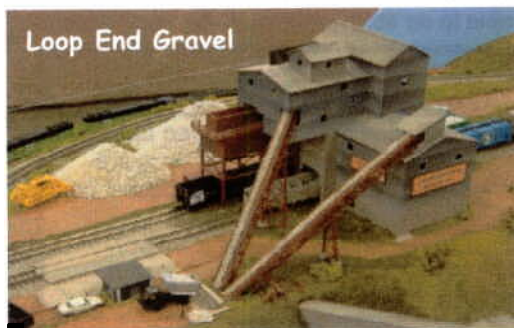
Greenberg Show by Ernie Poole

I went to the Shriner's Auditorium on Friday evening and marked the layout plan on the floor with chalk. This seems to facilitate setup on Saturday morning. The layout was a 23' rectangle, plus one loop end module connected via a junction corner. We were up and running on time, and a good weekend of operation was under way.

The loop end modules have been the most successful group project in my memory. A loop end extends the red line run by quite a bit and allows more trains to be operated concurrently. The club DCC system was used on this line all weekend, and worked very well. We often ran three trains concurrently, sometimes in opposite directions. The rules for DCC allow for wrecks if the operators fail to pay attention, and we did take advantage of that once or twice. (No one was hurt as far as I know!)



As we operated this weekend, we wondered if the red line should be used for DC operations, and blue and/or blue and yellow, set aside for DCC operations. Since all the industries are on the blue line, that makes sense for switching operations. Let me know what you think for the fall layout.



On Sunday afternoon we let some young children have the wireless walk-around throttles. That's always a big hit with the kids, and their parents thanked us over and over again. This activity would be better done with a single knob throttle. Anyone have such a Digitrax throttle (UT-1 maybe) we could use? Although it got a bit out of hand at the end, I think Northeast NTRAK made some friends that day.

If our editor has enough space this month, you will see some of our own smiling faces on this page. I was learning how best to use my new digital camera. People pictures seem to be pretty easy to do well. Close up photos of the modules are still affected by the poor lighting, but that is a whole other story.

Thanks to all the members who attended. I assume everyone had a good time. I did.



**GATS Buys Greenberg Shows
by Bob Gatland**

Kalmbach Publishing is in the process of selling the Greenberg Train Show business to the GATS organization. GATS claims that they will not make any changes except to avoid show conflicts between the two organizations. The same staff will continue to manage the Greenberg Shows. In theory, at least, we will not be affected by this change.

Schedule of Shows for Coming Year

Date	Set-up	Show Time	Show	Place	Show Coordinator
Apr 27	8am	10am - 4pm	Hooksett Lions Club	Hooksett Memorial School, Hooksett, NH	Ron Wood, 603-889-0741
May 22	7am	9am - 3pm	Children's Hospital	300 Longwood Dr., Boston, MA	Robert Pawlak, 781-862-2485