

## President's Message



As we start a new season we must look ahead to the future of the hobby. Our future lies in the younger generation getting involved. The club is 23 years old and we need more active members. To many times coordinators are scrambling to find modules to make a layout that will be at a show two days later (cutting it close to the wire). The meeting we have once a year is not enough. We need to have quarterly meetings and work with new members and old to encourage their participation. At the other club I belong to (Bay State Model Railroad Museum) we are ambassadors for *The Worlds Greatest Hobby* campaign. The campaign involves publishers, manufacturers and people like us to promote the hobby. We (Northeast Ntrak) are now listed in there website [greatesthobby.com](http://greatesthobby.com). I have received and information package from them and will be getting more materials for handouts.

As far as shows go, we need to build more NEW modules. We have members whom if they put there mind to it can build a very good module. I know some of us are not so good at woodworking, but we may be good at another phase of assembly. Painting, track laying, scenery, electrical, etc. For the end loops we have had building nights, why can't we do something on a weekend and build some modules. Here is an idea each week or month another project:

- Build framework and legs
- Paint and start track laying
- Electrical
- Ballast and start scenery
- Finish details

As a club we can do a lot. Please contact me with any suggestions you may have.

Lets make 2003-2004 a banner year. Also, all members must remember to clear any commitments for shows or club purchases through Dan or Myself.

Mark

## Cancel of Hub Division Show, Mark Ferracane

We will not be doing the Hub show this year. At first the Hub Division show was scheduled the same week as Greenberg. We had already committed to Greenberg. Then when Hub Division found out about the conflict they rescheduled to November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. That would give us shows three weekends in a row. My concern was finding people to do that many shows so close together. Another concern was two two day shows in a row. So we will not be doing the Hub Division this year. We will see how the schedule works out next year.



Gulfport Rail System GP 40, number 326 making up a freight to Manchester, NH in Lowell. August 12, 03, Pix Roland Kelley.

## MUSEUM VISIT FOILED AGAIN *story & photos by Dan Pawling, Sr.*

Foiled again! I had assumed that the Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum in Willimantic CT would be open daily after Memorial Day. Fatal error - again, I had not checked. It is open on Saturday's and Sunday's during the summer. (For info try [www.cteastrrmuseum.org](http://www.cteastrrmuseum.org)). The museum site became the junction of 4 early railroads between 1850 and 1870. Three were absorbed by the New Haven RR. The fourth became the Central Vermont and is now the New England Central, the only operating line remaining. The museum intends to rebuild the steam engine servicing facility at the former junction.



Central Vermont CV 4287, 40'6" fish belly flat car is on the CT East RR Museum track with CV boxcar 43022. The hopper cars are on a siding of the New England Central (former Central Vermont) mainline in Willimantic CT. The right hand hopper is NYC 490163 and has the Conrail logo -- go figure!!

**Why can't the engineer be electrocuted? Because he's not a conductor!**

### Schedule of Shows for Coming Year

Date	Set-up	Show Time	Show	Place	Show Coordinator
Oct 18	7am	10am to 4pm	Northshore Model RR Club	American Civic Ctr, 467 Main St, Wakefield, MA	John Dèveau, 781-599-0854
Nov 15	8am	10am to 5pm	Greenberg Show	Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington, MA	Ernie Poole, 978-658-9563
	16 9am	10am to 4pm			
Nov 23			Mystic Valley Railway Society	Auburn, MA	
Dec 29	8am	10am to 5pm	National Heritage Museum	Museum of National Heritage, Lexington, MA	Bob Pawlak, 781-862-2485
	30	noon to 5pm			
Feb 6	1pm		Amherst Railway Society	Big "E" Exposition Center, Springfield, MA	Frank Dignan, 781-294-1925
Feb 7	7am	10am to 5pm	(Winterfest 2003)		
	8	10am to 5pm			
Apr	8am	10am to 5pm	Greenberg Show	Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington, MA	Ernie Poole, 978-658-9563
	9am	10am to 4pm			
Apr			Hooksett Lions Club	Hooksett Memorial School, Hooksett, NH	Ron Wood, 603-889-0741
May	7am	9am to 3pm	Children's Hospital	300 Longwood Dr., Boston, MA	Bob Pawlak, 781-862-2485