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**President's
 Message**



In my last message I spoke of building new modules. Bob, Ernie and Ed are going to make that realization happen. For members whom are not skilled with woodworking, they will be able to purchase a basic module frame. There are two basic types that will be made, one with mountain division and one without. Bob will be putting wiring harnesses together for those whom wish to purchase them. After the basic frames are finished we will have some worknights that deal with tracklaying and ballasting. Plan you ideas, ask other members for there thoughts and ideas. There is always help available from someone.

Last month I spoke of the "Worlds Greatest Hobby" campaign. We now have flyers on model railroading that we can give out. I have added our club name and web address on the cover of the flyer. Hopefully we can get more people involved with the hobby. If anyone has suggestions of what we can do as a club contact me with your ideas.

**NEW RAILFAN TIMETABLE:
 Book review by D. Pawling, Sr.**

I recently received the "New England Railfan Timetable: Housatonic - New England Central - Providence and Worcester, Timetable # 1, effective July 1, 2003." This is the third volume in the series compiled by Joshua Moldover and published by the Oxford Junction Press.

The first volume, published in June 2002, covered the Guilford routes. The second volume on CSX in New England was reviewed earlier this year in this newsletter. For info on these books go to <<www.oxfordjunction.com>>. Incidentally, I have no financial interest in these publications, but I am excited about what they reveal about New England railroading and want to share it with you all.

Like the Guilford and CSX volumes, this one - quoting from its introduction - is "railroad specific, and includes lists of all stations, bridges, crossings, and other points of interest, for both the lines owned, as well as operated over via trackage rights; complete and up-to-date schedules for both freight and passenger trains operating over the railroads; summaries of all appropriate operating rules; a full listing of all railfanning locations covered by the timetable, showing train operators, frequencies, radio channels, and defect information, along with maps and directions to get you there."

Primary motive power with road numbers is listed, as are major engine facilities and yards, to wit: Housatonic (HRRC) has one engine facility and two yards, the NECR, one and 7, and the P&W, 3 and 11 yards. We also learn the RR's interchanged with and where: HRRC interchanges with 2 other RR's at 3 locations; NECR with 7 RR's at 10 locations, and P&W with 9 RR's at 11 locations. How is that for action in poor, old depressed New England??

Many of the facilities, yards and interchanges are included in the 115 railfan favored sites described and



The photo replicates a 1903 view of the north side of the Danbury RR station. A steam engine heading a freight train sits on one of the two westbound tracks. Soon conductor and engineer will compare watches, the highball given, the crossing gates will drop to block traffic on White Street and the train will begin its trip to the Hudson River on the old Maybrook (NY) Line. More on the Danbury Railway Museum's former Boston & Maine #1455, ALCO 2-6-0 at another time. Photo by D. Pawling, Sr.

mapped in this book. Some others have scenic qualities -- for example, I'd like to get some photos while sitting in a canoe just north of where the CSX/MBTA crosses the Charles River on an arched bridge in Newton -- and I am sure that there are other great places for photo ops along the three railroads in this book. Let me see - there's a spot near the Hell Gate Bridge that I can get to by subway and perhaps spot a P&W stone train on its way to the Long Island RR, or the Acela Express on its way to Penn Station....so, why not some shots of subway trains, too?? Unh ...see ya', guys!

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 Deveau, 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 27	8am	10am to 5pm	National Heritage Museum	Museum of our National Heritage	Bob Pawlak, 781-862-2485
	28	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			
Mar	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	Robert Pawlak, 781-862-2485