

**President's
 Message**



Greetings, I hope everyone took advantage of the module building project. New members will have modules for upcoming shows. As I said before, show coordinators are looking for modules to fill out the layout at the last minute. I attended two shows that we should have attended this year. Both shows had **NO N-SCALE Layouts**. The show coordinator asked me "What do we have to do to get you guys to come?" The Pepperell show is now in a bigger location and the school it is held at has more room that they need. They want us to come next year. If we want to get new members and promote the hobby we need to do more shows. The Greenburg Shows are now run by GATS. It looks like we will have more room this year. GATS wants more operating layouts. Let's give them show stoppers. And we must get back to the basics as far as running at shows.

1. People with modules get first choice on sign-up sheets.
2. If you have a train on the layout: Stay with your train, it is not the responsibility of other members to have to re-rail a problem train. Do your shopping before or after your scheduled running time.
3. Our main goal is to have fun and promote the hobby.
4. Ask questions of other club members. If you are a new member, introduce yourself. There is always someone whom can answer your question.

Mark

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**New Mystic Valley Show in
 Auburn November 23rd.**

I just received a letter from the Mystic Valley folks and we are confirmed participants in their show on **Sunday November 23, 2003**. It is at the Yankee Drummer Inn (formerly a Ramada Inn) 624 Southbridge St (route 12) Auburn, Mass. **Show hours are 10-4 with a setup of 8am**. I will volunteer to coordinate this show and as such will put in for that Sunday off from my work. It shouldn't be a problem. Nice thing about this show for those who haven't heard is that it is going to be an exhibition similar to the Bedford Boomers in that there will not be any dealers. A good chance for Northeast N-trak to really shine and promote N-scale and the hobby in general. Thanks all for now. Keep in touch! Ron.



**White Mountain Central
 Railroad Days by Mike
 Boucher**

On Saturday, September 20th, I went to the "White Mountain Central Railroad Days" at Clark's Trading Post in Lincoln, NH.

If you're unfamiliar with the railroad at Clark's, they have about 1 mile of standard gauge track, which is "point to point", and they use a 2 truck wood-burning Climax as the motive power. The track is upgrade for the outbound trip. They do not have a wye or a run-around track at the end of the line, so the train backs down to the station, coasting down the hill. Like the Mount Washington cog railway, the engine is on the rear and pushes the train upgrade. On a normal day they have four trips, a train 1/2 hour before a just after each bear show.

For railroad days, they had 4 engines under steam: The Climax, a two truck (continued on next page)

**Clean Your Loco Wheels by
 Bob Gatland**

May I suggest that you make it an automatic policy to clean the wheels of all locomotives used in a show before you put them back in storage.

When I get home, I put my locos on my workbench and they stay there until they get cleaned (and maybe lubed if necessary).

There are several ways to clean wheels. I usually put some robbing alcohol on a paper towel, lay it on the track, and spin the wheels (one truck at a time) on it. Only then do these locomotives go back on the shelf.

Schedule of Shows for Coming Year

Date	Set-up	Show Time	Show	Place	Show Coordinator
Nov 15	8am	10am to 5pm	Greenberg Show	Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington, MA	Ernie Poole, 978-658-9563
Nov 16	9am	10am to 4pm			
Nov 23	8am	10am to 4pm	Mystic Valley Railway Society	Yankee Drummer Inn, Auburn, MA	Ron Wood, 603-889-0741
Dec 27	8am	10am to 5pm	National Heritage Museum	Museum of our National Heritage, Lexington, MA	Bob Pawlak, 781-862-2485
Dec 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)		
Feb 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