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**President's
 Message**



Its getting that time of year again, not Christmas. Winterfest! This year will be our tenth year. The show is February 6,7 and 8th. An information packet will be available soon. Start planning for a fun weekend. Our first show that we attended was the Wakefield show and it was my first time at this show. Since I work retail sales Saturdays are hard to get off. I wish to thank all whom attended and the spectators were impressed. Great work.

As I am writing this, the Greenburg show is coming up and a new company now runs the show. We can only hope that we can impress them enough to give us more room for the next show. The Auburn show is the 23rd and this is a new show for us. This show has no dealers, just running layouts. Also, we are Ambassadors for the World's Greatest Hobby. There are handouts and information on our club available.

The other club I belong to Bay State Model Railroad Museum is having an open house on Sunday December 7th from noon to 4pm. It is part of Santa Comes to Roslindale. The club has just received its Museum status. The club can be visited on Wednesday nights from 6pm to 10pm. Mark

Would like to thank everyone for their help and support over the past year and wish everyone a very happy and healthy Holiday.

Roland Kelley, Editor



**Winterfest
 2004
 February
 6 - 8, 2004**

As I good to press the only info on Winterfest from Jim is to keep checking the web site the information will be posted soon. Set the dates aside. Anyone wishing to bring a module should contact John Dunne at 508-697-7635. Please note this change in show coordinators.

**Greenberg Show Wrap-up
 by Ernie Poole**

Our first Greenberg show under the new show ownership went pretty well. We were given the prime spot in the entry foyer, so everyone attending the show had to come right past our display. Since the allowed space was a different shape than our usual rectangle, we had to redesign the layout on the fly Friday afternoon. NTRAK's flexibility allowed us to fit into the 'L' shape we were given. We used the endloop and junction modules to fill the 'L', and our standard rectangle as the centerpiece.

This show featured Rand Hoven's amazing 12' corner, and Roland Kelley's



excellent Circus modules at the front of the rectangle. Steve Cappers nice junction corner module took our trains out through Bob Pawlak's Black Hole Mine, to the 'Pawling Family Division' of three four foot mountain division modules, plus the newer endloop. We were able to solve a previously undetected wiring error in the endloop module on Saturday morning as the show opened. The main layout entertained the guests while the endloop was down. After that little 'wake up' challenge, we ran very well for the entire two days.

I want to thank all those who brought modules, but I have to give a real special thank you to Rand Hoven and Dan Pawling. They literally brought half of the display. We should also thank Bob Pawlak for being the club's DCC manager. He carries the equipment, maintains it, and answers all the Digitrax 'how do I do it' questions.

I hope we can get some more folks to contribute modules for the spring show. If you have not brought a module lately, dust 'em off, fix 'em up, and bring 'em out to play in April!

Schedule of Shows for Coming Year

Date	Set-up	Show Time	Show	Place	Show Coordinator
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
	28	noon to 5pm			
Feb 6	1pm		Amherst Railway Society	Big "E" Exposition Center, Springfield, MA	John Dunne, 508-697-7635
Feb 7	7am	10am to 5pm	(Winterfest 2003)		
	8	10am to 5pm			
Mar	7:30	10am to 4pm	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