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**President's
 Message**



Happy New Year! I wish all of you a Wonderful new year.

On November 23rd we did a new show in Auburn for The Mystic Valley Railway Society and all I can say is that we WOWED them. We had a point to point layout with the end loops. From what we saw (club members whom attended the show) our layout was the best there. I wish to thank all whom participated. Dan Pawling, Dennis Yip, John Dunn and the show coordinator Ron Wood. Well Done! The show went very well and we all had fun. Hopefully we will have more room at the next show.

At the Greenburg show I noticed that there were some members whom arrived midday ran there trains then left. This is not fair to the other club members. Show coordinators must tell people whom arrive late that if they wish to run that they should stay later and help break down the layout or arrive earlier to help set up. At all shows we need help setting up the layout and breaking it down. WE ARE A TEAM and we must work together. As the saying goes : Together Each Accomplish More.

The flyers for the Worlds Greatest Hobby went well. I have received another box of them for us to give out at shows. There is a coupon inside the flyer for a drawing for a train set. Even tho the date on the coupon is past, it still can be sent in for the next drawing. The newer flyers will have no expiration date. From what I was told. Also, We must use the stand offs at shows. This will protect the layout and keep hands back from the tracks.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Mystic Valley Railway Society
 Auburn show Review by Ron
 Wood**

This past Sunday, November 23rd, 5 members of Northeast Ntrak participated in the Mystic Valley Railway Society's "Christmas Trains" show in Auburn, Mass. The layout was point to point using the end loops and three straight modules for a total length of twenty-four feet. It was our first time at this show and our layout drew quite a crowd. John Dunne's bridge module was a real crowd pleaser with several folks asking, "how'd you build the bridge?" All in all it was a fun day. We have been invited to attend the Mystic Valley "rail-a-rama" show in Braintree, Mass on Feb 29th, 2004. We have agreed, and we will find out in the near future, the space we have available to us at that show.

In preparing for the Auburn show, it became clear to me that we had a dilemma that there were members with straight modules that didn't have mountain division that weren't able to attend due to us using the end loops and needing mountain division tracks. I propose that the next club project be a set of bridge modules, most likely two feet in length which would have mountain and swing it to the back, behind the skyboard of the next module. By placing these strategically, we would be able to accommodate member's modules that don't have mountain division in a layout that utilizes the end loops. Just a thought. See you in Lexington! Ron.

The crowds at the Mystic Valley's Auburn show on Sunday Nov 23rd left someone exhausted! Just ask Dennis Yip!



John Dunne stands behind his popular Bridge module at the Mystic Railway Society's "Christmas Train" show on Nov 23

Winterfest 2004

February 6 - 8, 2004

The web site has all the information to register for Winterfest. Suggest you check it out and register today.

Jim has worked very hard and this should be a great weekend.

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Schedule of Shows for Coming Year

Date	Set-up	Show Time	Show	Place	Show Coordinator
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	8am	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