

Thank You Note from National Heritage Museum

Wow! What a success! Both days broke attendance records for train weekends. On Saturday 1,664 people came to see you and on Sunday 1,583 people visited for a two day total of 3,247. It was a great weekend. Thank you for sharing your love of trains with so many families. All of you are a pleasure to work with. If only all of my weekend work could be this enjoyable. . . . Thanks again to everyone who set up and ran trains. It was a spectacularly fun time.

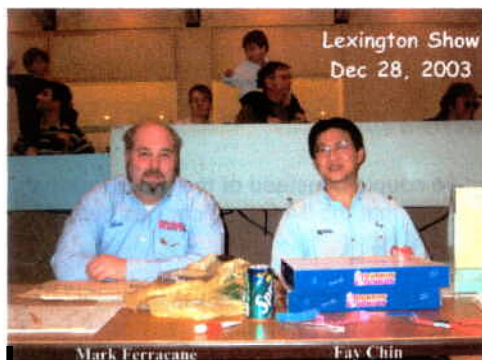
Sincerely,

Alice M. Promisel
Public Programs Coordinator

Major Train Wreck Kills One in Lexington



The train with Engineer Al Pawling, was running over the posted speed limit for that section track and caused the crash. One of the workers for the Royal American Shows was killed as one of the cars hit him and pinned him under the car. It took rescuers over an hour to free him.



Mark and Fay taking a rest from running trains.

A FAMILY SHOW AND IT SHOWED! BY D. Pawling Sr.



These are some of the comments and questions I heard at the National Heritage Museum on Dec. 27th.

"Oh, everything is so nicely done, it just brought tears to my eyes....Are these sections parts of home layouts?....Do you have a permanent place to set up and run trains?....I just love that carnival; I remember all those rides from long ago....Did he really make all those (motor) cars himself?....Why are all the coal (hopper) cars empty, but not the last one?....All those bridges and all the trains running on them - that's really great.... I counted twenty-four cars on that train and when it came back there were twenty-five!?!?...We got a train set for Christmas, but we can't get the engine to run....Lookit - here comes another train!....Can you tell me some good hobby shops? ...I am thinking of starting another layout....My young ones spend hours with the Brio trains....I am coming back tomorrow with my wife."

Although most questions/comments came from adults, the real awe, wonder and excitement came from their extremely well-behaved children. It was a very special family show.

Capital Limited 2004 Update by John Drye

In December, we signed the contract with Micro-Trains, so we can get on their production schedule. We've ordered 250 two-packs, which you can now order on line (you can order one or two cars).

Layout setup will start early Thursday morning and continue all day, as folks arrive. As in the past, the spine will go up first and loops will be completed as clubs show up.

We also have about 100 tables reserved for N Scale vendors and Manufacturers. These folks will be able to set up beginning Thursday Afternoon, next to the layouts. There will be some manufacturer display booths.

Bob The Bridge Maker



Below are some pictures of close-up pictures of Bob's new module showing the many bridges. The pictures were taken by Erine Poole.



Come to Winterfest 2004 and see it in person.