

President's Message



Well another Winterfest has come to an end. I hope you all had fun. Our next show is in Braintree at the Sheraton Hotel. It is a Mystic Valley Railway show. The last show we did for them was a *TRAINS ONLY* show. This show will have dealers there. Since our space is limited we will be running a point to point layout. Ron Wood is the coordinator of this show. We wowed them at Auburn, lets really wow them this show. Speaking of Winterfest I wish to thank Ed Smith, Chuck Tremblay and Jim Whitehead. You all do a fantastic job. And thank you John Dunne for the layout and Ernie Poole and Bob Pawlak for the DCC support. There is a lot of things that have to be done behind the scenes to make Winterfest a success.

For those whom were not able to get to the show this year, there were a lot of new items being shown by manufacturers. The Atlas SHAY will be a hit and the Intermountain F-3's will be awesome. There will be a lot of new stuff coming out in the next year.

In the number of months I have been President I have seen a lot of changes, all for the good. But we still need more active members.

There is a project that we will be working on in the next couple of weeks. We will be designing and building a transition modules for modules that do not have mountain division. The module will be 2ft wide and will have a track on the mountain division that will go behind modules and connect on the other side of the module. This will allow people to bring any type module to a show.

The Bay State Model Railroad Museum will have it annual open house March 6 and 7th. The club is in Roslindale and there will be a Dealer show on Sunday. The show will run from 10am to 4pm both days, hope to see you there. Also, any Wednesday night you may come by and visit the club. Bring something to run.

Till Next Month
 Mark



"Gatland's Gate" by Dan Pawling, Sr

In the open position Bob Gatland demonstrating the bridge to Charles D'Avanzo of Brooklyn Ntrak. At about shirt pocket height not the dark spots on the bridge which show how far the slideable portion of the bridge has been opened. The slide allows the bridge to be attached perfectly on the farside pier. Photo by Dan Pawling Sr.



**Putting the new Atlas
 Articulated Auto Carrier
 into Service by Ernie Poole**

This is a great new car. I paid a hefty \$34.00 for it. BUT, it's actually two cars, articulated over the center of three trucks. The cars come in two boxes and need to be assembled. There are two 00-90 screws used to join the center truck/diaphragm assembly to the two the cars. The car is well weighted because the flat car portion of the model is cast in metal. The super structure and diaphragm assemblies are plastic. The Atlas trucks, couplers, and wheels are all quite good. This is the only Auto Carrier I have ever put into service without changing trucks and couplers, plus adding weights. You can literally assemble the car, and run it successfully. I chose to improve the look of the car with some weathering, even though the factory paint and stenciling is superior.

I disassembled the car, masked, and sprayed Poly-Scale 'Grimy Black' in the following places:

The under-bodies of the cars.

The diaphragm.

The open edges of the hoods at the diaphragm end.

I sprayed Poly-Scale 'Dust' over the entire car to dull the factory paint, and also to provide some 'bite' for the chalk weathering I used to finish the job. I may do a couple more if I can find another \$30.00 dollar bill. Well done Atlas!

Schedule of Shows for Coming Year

Date	Set-up	Show Time	Show	Place	Show Coordinator
Feb 29	8am	10am to 4pm	Mystic Valley Show	Sheraton Braintree, 37 Forbes Rd, Braintree, MA	Ron Wood, 603-889-0741
Mar 27	8am	10am to 4pm	Greenberg Show	Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington, MA	Ernie Poole, 978-658-9563
	28	9am	10am to 4pm		
Apr 25	8am	10am to 4pm	Hooksett Lions Club	Hooksett Cawley Middle School, Rte 27, Hooksett, NH (NEW LOCATION)	Ron Wood, 603-889-0741
May	7am	9am to 3pm	Children's Hospital	300 Longwood Dr., Boston, MA	Robert Pawlak, 781-862-2485