

## President's Message



The Braintree show was a success. In my opinion we had the best looking layout there. Our next show is on March 27th and 28th at the Shriners Auditorium. Ernie Poole is the coordinator.

There is a project what we will be working on this summer. It will be a video on how to build your first module. The video will be on DVD and sold by the club. We will need volunteers to help build the module. If you have a skill in building we could use your help. The Worlds Greatest Hobby has a video on "Building Your First Layout".

I contacted Jim Fitzgerald and told him of the idea. He said he can give us free publicity in the newsletter and the module manual. I think if we can produce a good video we can raise more money for the club. I am open to all suggestions.

Until next Month, Mark



## Chihuahua al Pacifico Mexico by Roland Kelley



Just returned from a train trip thru Copper Canyon in Mexico. This is a little about the public train that goes thru the canyon on a daily round trip relieving both passengers and freight. In fact returning for my horse back ride it was stopped at the station unloading the food for the hotel. They also supplied the power to pull the our private train from Sufragio Station to Creel and return. Hope you enjoy some of the pictures I took of the Chihuahua al Pacifico. Will put in pictures of the "Sierra Madre Express" that I rode from Nogales to Creel and return in the future.

The Chihuahua al Pacifico is a daily train between Los Mochis and Chihuahua City, Mexico.

The railroad was completed in 1961, brought world wide attention to this last Mexican frontier. This railroad is one of the engineering wonders of the world with 86 tunnels and 37 bridges along its 406 mile route.



Two other notable features of this railroad include the train looping over itself at El Lazo ("the loop") outside of Creel, and a 180° turn inside solid rock at Temoris. It took approximately 90 years and \$90,000,000 to complete.



The *Reader's Digest* calls it "the most dramatic train ride in the western hemisphere.

Starting in July 1999, new train service on the Chihuahua al Pacifico Railroad. The private rail franchise - Ferromex - has made a significant investment in a total modernization program which includes: a thorough renovation of the train stations, reparation of the train track, remodeled passenger cars and new dining and lounge cars.

### Schedule of Shows for Coming Year

Date	Set-up	Show Time	Show	Place	Show Coordinator
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 12	7am	9am to 3pm	Children's Hospital	300 Longwood Dr., Boston, MA	Robert Pawlak, 781-862-2485