

**President's
 Message**



The Greenberg Show was a success again, thanks to all whom participated. Our next show is in Hooksett, NH. Ron Wood is the coordinator. In the past we have used the end loops for a point to point layout. This show looks like we will have a standard layout.

I received an e-mail from Bob Pawlak with an attachment. We are invited to a run at the Wishakum Live Steamers in Holliston, MA on Sunday June 24th. They are having a meet and will have a number of locomotives running. I was at an open house a number of years ago and it was impressive. We will also have our annual business meeting there. If you know of any shows that might interest us we will discuss it at the meeting. Two shows that we have done in the past, that we have not done for a few years, Concord, NH and the Pepperell Siding Show (now in a school in Hollis, NH). Both show coordinators asked me "what do we have to do to get your club to come?"

Hope to see you at the June Business meeting on June 24th.

Mark

Children's Hospital
Change in day

The Children's Hospital Show has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 2004 with set up to begin at 7 AM, show time 9 am to 3 pm.

I suggested Thursday, May 13, but that didn't work.

Please note the new date is a Wednesday.

Bob Pawlak

Remote Control Train Safety

March 21, *Star Telegram (Ft. Worth, TX)* - Remote-control trains' safety is questioned. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen says remote-control locomotives are dangerous because they take one of the human operators out of the equation. Throwing the debate into starker relief, the east Arlington, TX, switchyard that is now using remote-control locomotives is the same one where an accident in December 2002 caused a derailment that left a railcar dangling over Texas highway 360. The union is lobbying for federal regulations that would require operators to see in front of the cars they are pushing, among other rules. Currently, the FRA offers only recommendations for the use of remote control locomotives -- not requirements. About 30 U.S. cities, such as

Shreveport, LA, have banned the use of remote-control switch engines until more safety considerations are put into place.

Trains Run Into Cars?

March 19, *The Trucker*. ATA endorses plans to make railcars more visible. Plans by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to make all rolling stock more visible have drawn the support of the American Trucking Associations (ATA). In a written endorsement for the ATA in Alexandria, VA, S.W. Gouse II, vice president of Engineering, stated that, "improved railcar conspicuity will save lives." Most railroad rolling stock currently is use isn't marked with "retroreflective tape or any sort of illumination or reflectivity, and many are dark in color, which limits the capability of motorists "to see rail cars under many lighting conditions," Gouse stated. He pointed out that crash data collected from about 11,000 accidents involving tractor-trailers for two years beginning in 1997 "conclusively proved" that the use of high visibility tape resulted in a 37 percent drop in Pennsylvania. The ATA is encouraging the FRA to, once the rulemaking process is complete, "require lighting on railcars similar to that required on trucks, truck trailers and intermodal chassis to further enhance highway safety." From 1983 to 1992, there was an annual average of 583 fatalities and "tens of thousands of additional injuries," Gouse stated, resulting from railcars colliding with motor vehicles.

Source: www.thetrucker.com/stories

Schedule of Shows for Coming Year

Date	Set-up	Show Time	Show	Place	Show Coordinator
Apr 25	8am	10am to 4pm	Hooksett Lions Club	Hooksett Cawley Middle School, Rte 27, Hooksett, NH (New Location)	Ron Wood, 603-889-0741
May12	7am	9am to 3pm	Children's Hospital	300 Longwood Dr., Boston, MA	Robert Pawlak, 781-862-2485