



BANTRAK Newsletter

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The Engineer's Cab

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Hello Again Everyone! It's early April and the weather sure feels nice. This Newsletter includes the April GSMTS Preview (be sure to volunteer to work the Club sales table), an update on the Bedford show (hotel info) as well as the usual DCC and web gems. Also, check out the Club Calendar (Martin & Paul volunteered to coordinate Bedford) and Ed has stepped in as Webmaster.

As we grow into a 501c3, one of the suggestions was that we keep good records of Club Meetings (i.e. someone take notes). So far this year, Myself, Paul and Tim have "shared" those duties until we can get a new 2nd VP. I am happy to report that we have had a Club Member volunteer for the position of 2nd VP. The Club has discussed (in the past few meetings) about filling this position on a temporary basis until the end of the year. So, we should be prepared to discuss this at the next meeting (Sunday afternoon at the Show, 2pm.) If you are interested in the position, please email Paul or Tim or myself.

Another suggestion that was made is that we include a quick review of the last Club meeting (for those who were unable to attend. This is a great idea, and we can easily summarize the discussions. For example, our last meeting was hosted by Phil Petersam at the AMF Bowling Alley in Middle River, Md. Topics discussed included Show & Tell, Financial review, Show Reviews/Previews, Trailer storage, and two (2) motions for spending Club Funds: a) Trailer Storage Monthly / Annual fee b) Module Leg construction. Both motions passed unanimously.

The April meeting will be at the GSMTS in Timonium and the May Meeting will be in Bowie (see BANTRAK Calendar on last page.) The big thing in May is going to be researching a trailer to purchase, so we can vote on it at the May meeting, that way, we can start the purchase process. As always, **DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR SHOW & TELL.**

The Current agenda items for the next Club Meeting include:

- Show & Tell (items you just bought, created or found)
- Show Reviews/Previews - N-Trak & T-Trak
- Club Business update
 - DCC Loconet - Club Module upgrade project (Martin Myers)
 - 2nd VP Discussion (Eric Payne)
 - Club Car Committee update (Bob Mohr)
 - Club Organization update (Tim Nixon)
 - Trailer Committee update (Eric Payne)
- Call for New Club Business

See you all Friday at set-up and remember that the Club is doing a Loco-Net rewire project during the afternoon. If you have any questions about set-up, please contact Tim Nixon.

Please remember, we are a volunteer driven organization so "More Hands = Less Work" and above all... "Keep It Fun".

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Next meeting...

Sunday, April 14th, 2013 @ 2-3pm
Location Host: Club
Location: GSMTS, Timonium. MD

Eric



GSMTS : April Preview

Tim Nixon & Jeff Peck



Greetings all!

We're all ready for the Show this Friday.

Show Schedule

Friday

12 Noon – Trailer arrives (hopefully)

3 PM – NTRAK Layout clamp-down

TBD – Set-up Completion

Saturday

7:30 AM – Building opens to vendors

9 AM – Building opens to public

4 PM – Ticket sales stop

5 PM – Building closes to everyone, layout shut down

Sunday

8:30 AM – Building opens to vendors

10 AM – Building opens to public

3 PM – BANTRAK April Club Meeting

~3:30 PM – DCC Shut-down, start of preliminary teardown activities

4 PM – Show Closes, full teardown commences

~5 PM – Teardown complete, trailer departs

For those interested in participating in the show, please email me the following information (cc Jeff Peck):

1. If you can help out at the Club sales table (we need volunteers!)

Thanks,

Tim

Welcome to the
Great Scale Model Train Show
and Railroad Marketplace
Our **31st** year of the biggest & best
model train shows in the Mid-Atlantic!



Next Timonium Show -- April 13-14, 2013
in the **3-acre** Cow Palace
at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium MD

Saturday 9 am - 4 pm Admission \$9, under 15 free, Family \$18
Good for both days!

Sunday 10 am - 4 pm Admission \$8, under 15 free, Family only \$15

Got just a few items to sell? Looking for bargains?
Check out our White Elephant (consignment) tables.



News & Notable: 2013 N Scale Convention (21st Annual)



Check out John Sing's ultra detailed gallery of ALL the action that happened in 2012 [here](#)

Visit the 2013 Convention registration website at www.NationalNScaleConvention.com

Registration is now OPEN !!!



News & Notable: 2013 NMRA Convention (78th Annual)



**Atlanta Welcomes
the NMRA
July 14 - 20, 2013**



Atlanta's [Piedmont Division](#) is proud to host the 2013 NMRA National Convention. Located in Northwest Atlanta, the [Cobb Galleria Centre](#) is a beautiful facility to house the convention and the National Train Show.

Layout tours will provide access to more than 60 layouts already showing on the annual [Piedmont Pilgrimage](#) open house event in each November. Other impressive layouts from around the [Southeastern Region](#) will also be on tour.

Click [HERE](#) for more information !!!

News & Notable: 2013 N Scale Weekend (9h Annual)

9th Annual Train Show

"2013 N-Scale Weekend"

All N-Scale Model Train Show Saturday

August 24th, 10 AM till 5 PM

Sunday August 25th, 9 AM till 3 PM

Bedford ProCare "SPORTSPLEX"

125 Willow Grove Drive, Everett, PA 15537

General Admission: \$4

Under 12 Free w/adult

Participant & Vender registration forms may be obtained by
e-mail: nscaleweekend@yahoo.com Web: www.n-scaleweekend.com

Bedford Model Railroaders c/o Mike Phillips

773 Barclay Drive, Bedford, PA 15522
Phone: 814-623-2239 Show Dates: 814-977-4933

N-Scale Model TRAINS & SUPPLIES

PARK LANE HOBBIES, TEXRAILS, HB PETERSON, WINGARD'S TRAINS, THE N-CELLAR, KENRAY MODELS, THE N-SCALE WEEKEND, BOSTON & ALBANY HOBBIES, A&L LINES, NEALS N GAUGING, CONRAIL THOMAS 519, NZT PRODUCT/DELUXE INNOVATIONS, MAINLINE HOBBY SUPPLY, RANDGUST, CHARLIE HOPKINS & MIKE BENCS

11 Large Operating N-Scale Train Layouts + Several Small Layouts

BALTIMORE AREA N-TRAK, TWIN TIER N-TRAK, JERSEY CENTRAL N-TRAK, CAPITOL PENNSYLVANIA N-TRAK, CENTRAL OHIO N-TRAK, GENESEE & ONTARIO MODEL N-ENGINEERS, THREE RIVERS ASSOCIATES N-TRAK, NEW JERSEY SOUTHERN N-TRAK, CANTINGTON N-TRAK, PITTSBURGH LITE TRAK, & BEDFORD MODEL RAILROADERS

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News & Notable: C&P Junction MER Convention

C & P Junction
ROCKVILLE
MER Convention

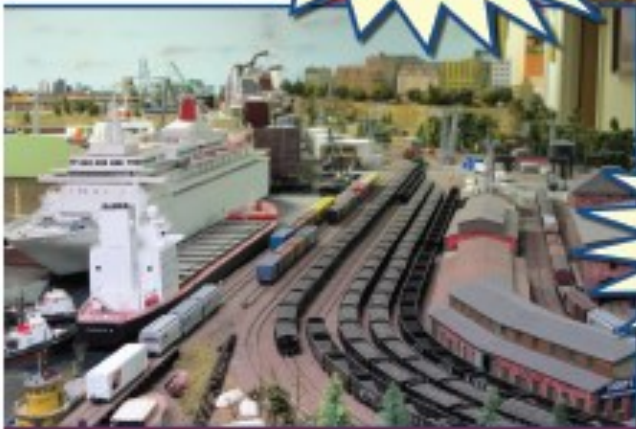
COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND
OCTOBER 10-13, 2013



Layout Open House at
Howard Zane's
Piermont Division (HO)



Clinic by Marty McGuirk
on his Central Vermont,
Winooski Subdivision (HO)



Layout Open House at
Monroe Stewart's
Hootch Junction (N)

Email: CandP2013@comcast.net
website: <http://home.comcast.net/~CandP2013/>

C & P Junction + Rockville, MD

New & Notable: BANTRAK Online

Ed Kapusinski, Webmaster



EDITORS NOTE: As of April 1st, Ed has volunteered to be out Webmaster. Please join me in welcoming Ed.

1. In process of transitioning Webmaster duties

Email the webmaster today !!!

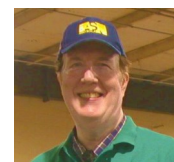


Have an idea for new/updated web content?

Contact the Webmaster with your ideas!

New & Notable: BANTRAK Membership

Al Palewicz, Membership



Thanks for everyone for paying their dues on time!

Tim & Al



BANTRAK does a significant amount of charitable activity, although we rarely think of it that way because we get pleasure out of it. When you think about it, that is "as it should be" with all "giving from the heart."

What is our charitable activity? Our major participation is in the B&O Museum's (which is a charitable organization) Annual Festival of Trains. Our display has been a major draw for people to come to the Museum for many years, both recent and in the past. There are plenty more examples, this is just one.



Club Member Benefits

- Sharing of your knowledge (railroading & modeling) with others of similar interests
- Access to railroading and modeling knowledge of other members
- National exposure and recognition of your endeavors in modeling
- Hands on activities:
Club modules - track, wiring and scenery. Raffle layout - track and scenery Members' layouts - whatever's asked
- Recognition as being part of a Nationally known club
- Purchase of surplus club property & access to group discounts

Please contact Al for more information on your membership.

New & Notable: BANTRAK Raffle Layout

Email the editor and recommend a site !!!

The 2013 coordinators (Jeff and Mat) will be starting to brainstorm over the next few months. Stay tuned for more updates.

(P.S. be sure to see all the pics from the 2012 Raffle build sessions [here](#)).



New & Notable: BANTRAK 30th Anniversary Club



The project is coming along nicely and there is a target release date of summer 2013 (just like the real railroads, we are piggybacking on another order). Current sentiment is to go with a Fox Valley wagon top boxcar a la B&O and artwork has been finalized from FVM and approved by the committee.

We have confirmed enough Club Members are committed to meet the minimum order.

Questions can be directed to Bob Mohr at a Club Meeting or Show.

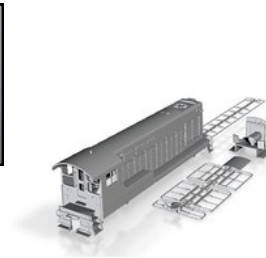




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On Shapeways, individuals can make, buy and sell their own products. By providing a platform for community members to share ideas and gain access to cutting edge technology, Shapeways is bringing personalized production to everyone, whether you're already designing in 3D or are looking to find something just right. They 3D Print everything on-demand, which means that every order is customized and personalized.

Check out the N Scale section of their website [here](#).



Past Websites

[Ashlin Designs](#)
[Great Lakes Models](#)
[JMRI](#)
[Road Signs](#)
[Scale Town Models](#)
[Citrus Modeling](#)
[Aztec Trains](#)
[BCWRR](#)
[Banta Model Works](#)
[GRS Micro Liting](#)
[Monster Modelworks](#)
[ImagineThatLaserArt](#)
[CMR](#)
[Prairie Shadows](#)
[Lunde Studios](#)

Editor's Note:

CMR is offering BANTRAK a bulk order discount on this kit (we need 4 more people) If interested, please [drop me an email](#).

Email the editor and recommend a site !!!

DCC Corner: (Exploring Digital Command Control)



Digitrax throttle conversions are hardware upgrades that convert existing throttles to radio and/or add features to older versions. Throttle conversions must be completed at the factory.

Check out the Digitrax Throttle Conversion forms [here](#)

Go to the Digitrax webpage, click [here](#).

Email the [editor](#) and suggest a DCC topic !!!



It has been almost 2 years since we last did a group purchase of club shirts and we've had a number of new members join since then, so I'm guessing there might be a interest in getting some new shirts.

At this point all I need to know is what type of shirts people are interested in and how many.

Options available:

1. Green club polo shirts
2. Long sleeve blue denim shirts
3. Something else



Price will depend on number of shirts ordered. Last time both the denims and the polo's were \$26.50 for sizes XL and below, with larger sizes costing an additional \$1-2 dollars/size. Adding embroidered names was \$4 each.

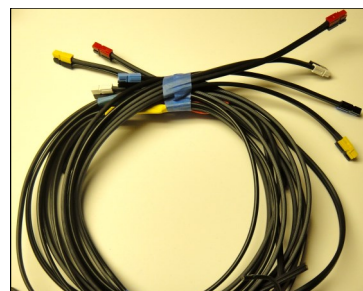
If you're interested, send me the type, size and number of shirts you want. If you want something special (different colors, button downs, vest, etc.), let me know what you're interested in and I'll see if it's available. Negative replies are not required.

For those interested in doing research on their own, we get our shirts from BJ's Custom Creations in Hagerstown. <http://www.bjsembroidery.com>

Tim

Building a module or rescuing an old one? Get your wire harness. It doesn't get easier than this. Color coded / pre-installed power poles included.

List Priced at \$25 (plus shipping and handling).





To list your classifieds, Email the editor





BANTRAK Call Board

(Activities & Events of BANTRAK Club Members)

NMRA Chesapeake Div. Group Mtg.

TBD

Info Contact: Arthur Boyd

Home Layout Work Sessions


Ongoing

Info Contact: Al. Del Gaudio, Eric Payne,
Ed Kapusinski



BANTRAK 2013 Calendar

This is a listing of all BANTRAK Monthly Meetings, Field Trips, 1-Trak and T-Trak events as well as current Volunteer Positions

 Baltimore Area N-Trak is a volunteer driven organization. THANK YOU for your support.				
Date	Event	Location	Contact	Type
1/20/2013	Club Meeting	Dundalk, Md	Paul Diley	meeting
2/2 & 2/3	Great Scale Model Train Show	Timonium, Md	Chris Hyland / John Hale	show
2/17/2013	Club Meeting	Columbia, Md	Jack Walsh	meeting
3/2/2013	Silver Spring Station (B & O)	Silver Spring, Md	Jeff Peck	t-trak
3/2/2013	Greenburg Show	Upper Marlboro, Md	Ed Hyland	t-trak
3/17/2013	Club Meeting	Annapolis, Md	Phil Petersam	meeting
04/13 & 04/14	Great Scale Model Train Show / Club Meeting	Timonium, Md	Tim Nixon / Jeff Peck	show
5/19/2013	BowieFest / Club Meeting	Bowie, Md	Jeff Peck	t-trak
6/16/2013	Club Meeting	Baltimore, Md	Arthur Boyd	meeting
6/29 & 6/30	Silver Spring Station (B & O)	Silver Spring, Md	Jeff Peck	t-trak
7/21/2013	Club Meeting - Summer Picnic	Ellicott City, Md	Al Del Gaudio	meeting
8/18/2013	Club Meeting	Odenton, Md	Al Potter	meeting
8/24 & 8/25	Bedford N Scale Weekend	Bedford, Pa	Martin Myers / Paul Diley	show
9/7 & 9/8	JV w/ Capital O Scales/TCA	Kensington, Md	Ed Hyland	t-trak
9/15/2013	Gaithersburg (Old Towne Days)	Gaithersburg, Md	Ed Hyland	t-trak
9/15/2013	Club Meeting / Raffle Layout Work Session	Ellicott City, Md	Mark Bandy	meeting
9/29/2013	Germantown (Historical Bank Building)	Germantown, Md	Leon Sorge	t-trak
10/12 & 10/13	NMRA Potomac & Chesapeake Convention	Twin Brooke, Md	??? / ???	t-trak / 1-trak
10/12/2013	Gaithersburg	Gaithersburg, Md	Chris Hyland	t-trak
10/20/2013	Club Meeting	Crownsville, Md	John Cook	meeting
10/26 & 10/27	Great Scale Model Train Show	Timonium, Md	Al Del Gaudio / ???	show
11/2/2013	Silver Spring Station (B & O)	Silver Spring, Md	Jeff Peck	t-trak
11/3/2013	Gaithersburg Artifact Show	Gaithersburg, Md	Ed Hyland	t-trak
11/9 & 11/10	Rockville Lions Show	Rockville, Md	Ed Hyland	t-trak
11/17/2013	Club Meeting / Club Work Session			meeting
12/1/2013	Trainspotting Day at Bowie RR Museum	Bowie, Md	Jeff Peck	t-trak
12/14/2013 or 12/15/13	B&O Festival of Trains	Baltimore, Md	open	show
2013 PROJECTS President: Eric Payne VP1: Paul Diley VP2: open Treasurer: Tim Nixon LocoNet Wiring: Martin Myers / Bob Mohr Raffle Layout: Jeff Peck / Mat Chibbaro Anniversary Club Car: Bob Mohr				
Trailer WorkGroup E. Payne, T. Nixon, M. Myers, J. Champlin, J. Hale, A. Potter, P. Diley, S. Hayes, B. Mohr				
Membership	Al Palewicz			
Quartermaster	John Hasson			
Webmaster	Ed Kapusinski (backup= John Hale)			
Trailer	Martin Myers / Paul Diley (backup = Team)			



BANTRAK was founded in 1983 as the Greater Baltimore N-Scale Associates. Begun as a "round robin" group to share skills and experiences, we have expanded our focus to include participation in many diverse activities to promote model railroading in general and N-Scale model railroading in particular. Activities include participation in local, regional and national shows, meets and conventions. BANTRAK membership includes membership in the national NTRAK organization.

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