



## INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

The Engineer's Cab	1
TTrak Column	2
GSMTS Train Review	3
Module Spotlight	5
N&N: Conventions	6
N&N: Membership	8
Company Store and Site of the Month	9

## NEXT MEETING:

**When:** Sunday February  
16th from 2pm to 5pm.

**Location Host:** Jack Walsh

(contact Jack via email to  
get directions)

## The Engineer's Cab

PAUL DILEY



Another great show for us, I would like to thank everyone who came out to help with the layout setup and tear down, a special thanks to Mark Bandy for the design of the layout. There were a lot of people around the layout all weekend, taking photos and loving the modules we had on display. We live in an age now where with just a cell phone, picture memories are captured for ages to come, young people carefully looked for and purchased special trains cars. This helps to carry on family traditions. They are handed down and treasured.

Looking forward, some of our modules need some work done on them, but overall they look great. I plan to bring some paint & brushes to the next show to start fixing some places on the club modules. Vicky walked around the layout on Sunday morning and found problems with some of the modules and put a tag on the back of them.

Our next meeting will be at Jack Walsh house on February 16th. We are looking for more places to have meetings for the rest of the year. If you would like to host a meeting, please let me know what month you want. I will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting.

Our next big show will be April 12 & 13. We are still in need of a coordinator and co-coordinator for this show. If you would like to do this let me know soon.

The calendar for the year will be as soon as I can get it out. I would like to plan the first back shop meeting in May. If you can help with this by hosting, please call me at 443-370-6653.

Let's keep it all fun, when playing with trains, looking forward saying goodbye to the cold weather and hello to the warm weather ahead.

If you have any questions please call me at any time.

All Aboard!

*Paul Diley*



# TTrak News and Notes

CHRIS HYLAND



Wow, January flew by and an eventful January it was. It was a good thing that we had the month off. After penning in the New Years article, things kicked off with the computer crashing, followed by bad weather that made it seem that the Northeast had been magically transported to the Arctic regions. This was topped off by picking up that nasty virus that was also floating around and making me wonder: "Gosh, if this is the runner up, I wonder what the real flu is like". Thankfully we here at Casa Del Hyland got well enough to do the Timonium show kicking off this years season.



So during Timonium a question was raised on how we go about getting to go to the places that we do. The old Sir John Gielgud banking commercial of 1980's "We do it the old fashion way, we earn it" came to mind. Venues for TTrak are found by looking around and seeing if there is an opening, working the room and sometimes by just plain dumb luck. All throughout the land, there are halls, libraries, malls, and railroad sites that would like to host a event for a few hours (remember this is TTrak). If you are at a place that you think: "Ya know this would be a great place for a layout", it probably is. Just find out who the people in charge are, make a pitch and see if they bite. Worst thing they could say is no. My guidelines for picking a place are: 1.) They don't try to hit us up for money (that would be like forcing the elephants at the circus to buy their own peanuts!) and 2.) they don't pick a time that is inconvenient to yourself and 3) don't let them talk you into anything you do not wish to do. Make a plan ahead of time and stick with it. Remember all you need is modules, electrics, and most importantly at least two other suckers, err, volunteers to go along with you on the event. This way, you too can experience the joys of operating outside in a tent near a condemned historical building right next to the main line. And perhaps inspire someone to think to themselves that this looks like real fun. That they too can build a TTrak layout and join up with the club. Worst thing that happens, you get to run trains, and as a old comrade of mine at NVNTrak used to say "Who doesn't like to be at a train show". Cause that's what we do. So go forth and have fun. Remember events, unlike money, do grow on trees. But you do have to pick em from the tree.

Hope that you have stayed warm during these cold snaps. Perhaps it has allowed some much needed modeling to get done. Before I sign off, here is a reminder for the next TTrak event: Greenburg at Upper Marlboro Equestrian center (PG). March 1 and 2.

Check: [www.greenbergshows.com](http://www.greenbergshows.com) and click on the link for Upper Marlboro for directions and times.

Hope to see you at the shows!

*Chris*



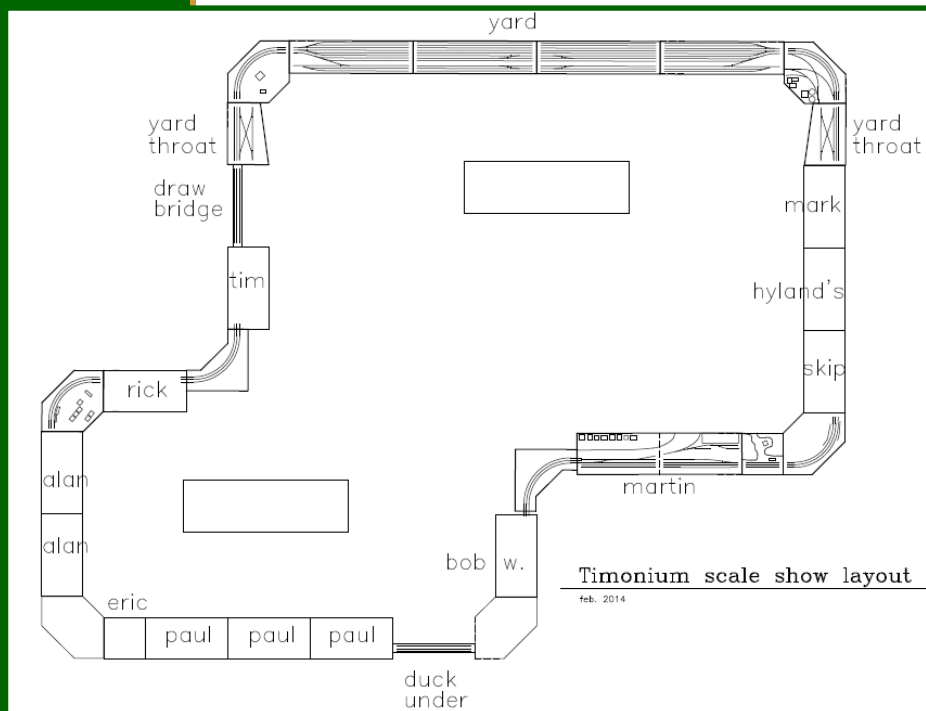
# Great Scale Model Train Show - BANTRAK Show Review

## COORDINATOR: MARK BANDY

Despite the low member module turnout, the never ending cold days, close timing with the Roundhouse Holiday show, and Super Bowl Sunday happenings, we managed to make a showing at the Great Scale Model Train Show in Timonium.



The layout consisted of 8-9 member modules as well as 8 club modules. The design provided for 2 smaller interlocking rectangles approximately 40' x 30' making the layout appear larger than it really was, and incorporated the clubs 6 outside and 2 inside corners. Designed this way the yard had flexibility to contract at 6' increments, by moving the 3' yard throats to the other ends of the corners vs previous layout plans where member modules are added and grouped between corners.



Friday set up was met with some challenges as the originally planned for space of 50' x 70' was cut to 50' x 50'. The group met to review the impact to the layout design, and decided we could run with the original design and still keep all planned modules, including the T-track. By 3pm, the layout was leveled, clamped and track joiners were under way. By 4:30 we had DCC cabling and booster boxes employed. Test running was completed and we were out by 6:15.

Train running on the layout went without a hitch both

Saturday and Sunday for most of the group, and show attendance and club running participation were high.

Coordination, assembly and tear down of the modules for all shows requires dedication of time and quite a bit of effort and planning from our members. I want to thank all members who gave of their time for set-up, spotting, running and tear down and even some of our newer members who pitched in to help others load the trailer.

*Mark*



## Great Scale Model Train Show - BANTRAK Show Review





# Module Spotlight: Spring Hill

**RICK DUNSTAN**

**Module Name:** Spring Hill Corners

**Module Owner:** Rick Dunstan

**Module Size (Length x Width):** 2 foot by 4 foot

**Module Standard:** NTrak

**How long did it take to build?** Took three weeks to build (the frame was donated to me already put together, I just had to clean it up a bit)

**Construction Method:** 1 x 4 with plywood top with 2 x 2 removable legs with leveling bolts. The wiring is simple and uses a BANTRAK approved harness. Track feeders to rails are spaced every 2 feet

**Leg Style:** 2 x 2 wooden removable legs with leveling bolts

**Highlight:** I am proud of the design. It is a non-typical mini mod which can be lifted off and changed out with other mini mods I plan to build.

The whole module was built with some nature made materials (shale and river rocks), some home found materials (kitty litter) as well as the materials which were store bought. There are also lighted accessories on this.

I plan on making other modules as well as other mini mods for this module.





## News and Notable: 2014 N Scale Weekend (10th Annual)

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show

# "2014 N-Scale Weekend"

**All N-Scale Model Train Show Saturday**

**August 23rd, 10 AM till 5 PM**

**Sunday August 24th, 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](mailto:nscaleweekend@yahoo.com) Web: [www.n-scaleweekend.com](http://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, TEXNRAILS, 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 PRODUCTS DELUXE INNOVATIONS,  
MAINLINE HOBBY SUPPLY, RANDGUST, CHARLIE HOPKINS & MIKE BENC'S

### 15 Large Operating N-Scale Train Layouts + Several Small Layouts

BALTIMORE AREA N-TRAK, TWIN TIERS N-TRAK, JERSEY CENTRAL N-TRACK  
CAPITOL PENNSCALERS N-TRAK, CENTRAL OHIO N-TRAK, GENESEE & ONTARIO MODEL N-GINEERS  
THREE RIVERS ASSOCIATES N-TRAK,, NEW JERSEY SOUTHERN N-TRAK, CANTINGTON N-TRAK  
PITTSBURGH LITE TRAK, & BEDFORD MODEL RAILROADERS





# News and Notable: BANTRAK Membership

AL PALEWICZ, MEMBERSHIP



## Club Member Benefits

- The current January/February N-Trak Newsletter can be found [here](#):

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.*

- 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.



# Company Store

## Shirt Order Update

If you need a gray BANTRAK t-shirt,

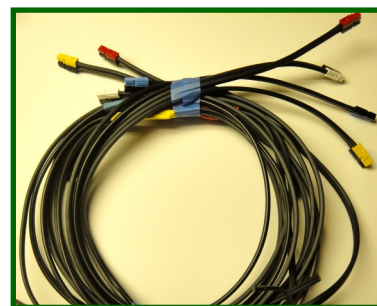
*To Order, Email Club Officer Tim Nixon*



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 Order, Email Martin Myers and cc: Club Treasurer Al DelGaudio*



# Website of the Month

## ExactRail

ExactRail is a premier manufacturer of prototypical modern freight equipment. Check out their new offerings!



## Past Websites

[MR Hobbyist Magazine](#)

[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](#)

[Shapeways](#)

[Osborn Model Kits](#)

[Eastern CA Model RR](#)

[Heritage Units](#)

# Calendar

Updated calendar coming soon.

# From the Treasurer

Alan del Gaudio and I are still working out the details of the treasurer turnover. Until the turn-over is complete, I will continue to act as treasurer. Please CC Alan on any emails you send me regarding treasurer issues.



Dues invoices went out to all members on February 3rd. Due date is the March meeting (March 16th at a TBD location). Dues checks can be mailed to me at the address on the invoice, or I will be available to collect cash or checks in person at the February and March meetings.

## About BANTRAK

**President:** Paul Diley

**1st Vice President:** Tim Nixon

**2nd Vice President:** Rick Dunstan

**Treasurer:** Al DelGaudio

Membership: Al Palewicz

Quartermaster: John Hasson

Webmaster: Ed Kapusinski (backup: John Hale)

Trailer: Martin Myers and Paul Diley (backup: team)

Newsletter: John Hale

Current Projects:

Loconet Wiring: Martin Myers and Bob Mohr

Trailer Working Group: Eric Payne, Tim Nixon, Martin Myers, John Hale, Paul Diley, Skip Hayes, and Bob Mohr

