

# **BANTRAK Newsletter**

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### The Engineer's Cab: Tim Nixon

Punch list, Gripe sheet, Required Maintenance log; these are all different terms that refer to a consolidated record of items needing repair. Why am I mentioning this tidbit of trivia in my column and what does it have to do with BANTRAK? The answer is I need the help of the members to create such a record. With the April Scale Show, we're coming to the end of the current model railroading "season"; after this show we pack away all our modules until the Bedford (now Altoona) Show in August. Over the summer months, in addition to doing silly things like taking vacations, we'll want to hold some work sessions to fix all the outstanding issues with club modules and equipment, to make sure our gear in top shape for the new train show "season" after Altoona. To make the most of these work sessions, we need a physical record of what needs repair (we don't want to have to rely on our memories) so that we can get the proper parts and have the right people available to make the repairs. At the April Show, we'll have a clipboard at the layout with blank forms to document any issues you encounter on the layout, and I'd like to request that those of you who have problems document them. Always derail at a certain spot? Log it! Find a throttle that doesn't work? Log it! Not have enough "yellow" joiner tracks? Log it! See a module that needs a paint touch-up or some trees repaired? Log it! If we know what is broken we can try to fix it; if we don't know about it likely we'll have to deal with it on-the-fly at Altoona or the October Show! Please note that this request doesn't just apply to club equipment; if you encounter a problem on a member's module, log it so we can let the member know about the issue.

Another thing summer is good for is creating new modules. At the March meeting we had a request to hold some "module building" work sessions as a way of getting our newest members started the daunting task of building their first Ntrak module. Having a few experienced members who have previously built modules available to shepherd the inexperienced builder along makes the whole construction phase go smoother, since they know what works and what doesn't. Additionally, doing

multiple modules at once creates an "economy of scale" since some parts of the process can be done assembly line style. These work sessions can also be great camaraderie events; just ask Eric, Lauren, David and Ryan, who did their harbor module set using such sessions. If anyone would like to be part of such a module building session, either to build a module for themselves or to be a "mentor" to help others build modules, please email me and let me know. If there's enough interest, I'll get all the interested parties together and we'll set some sessions up.

The next BANTRAK monthly meeting will be at the BANTRAK layout at the Great Scale Model Train Show in the Cow Palace at the Timonium Fairgrounds. We'll do an abbreviated meeting from 2-3 PM, with teardown to follow at the discretion of the show coordinators.

Happy Modeling! Tim Nixon

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Next Meeting..

April 24th



### In Memoriam - Ted Niznik: Bob Mohr

We at BANTRAK were saddened to learn recently of the passing of Ted Niznik, a long-time member of Baltimore Area N-trak. In recent years Ted endured the challenges of living with Parkinson's disease, which slowly and relentlessly eroded his strength and vitality. Many current members of our group may never have met Ted, or only knew him in his declining years. I was fortunate to know Ted when he first joined Bantrak so many years ago. I believe that it was Jerry Mulford that recruited Ted, convincing him to join BANTRAK and try his hand at modular railroading. Jerry was part of a small club that was building a layout on the second floor of a row house on Chester Street in Baltimore. The first floor of this row house housed Ted's family medical practice; he graciously donated the space to the group. The ambitions of that small club were never realized, and when their efforts stalled Jerry brought Ted into BANTRAK.

Ted jumped into module building with a vengeance; first helping Jerry complete a six-foot module that was packed with detail. Next was a pair of four-foot modules that depicted a sawmill and lumber yard, this module set featured a figure eight loop that could be operated independent of the main lines. The modules featured well-done scenery and loads of detail. The modules have passed through several owners through adoption and are still in use, appearing from time to time in BAN-TRAK layouts.

Ted loved to build scenery and was a prolific module builder. I recall one working session in Skip's garage when Ted was constructing the module that came to be known as "Finger Rock". I can't tell you how much fun we had joking with Ted about the namesake geological feature of the module; who knew that doctors had such a great sense of humor.

Ted was an enthusiastic member of our club. He was very active and his joy was contagious. He loved every aspect of the hobby and

eagerly participated whenever professional and family commitments would allow. He was an unpretentious fellow with a slightly disheveled appearance. Generally light hearted and gregarious; he could turn serious when confronted with a situation that required his professional expertise.

Some members of the club may be surprised to learn that Ted was a member of the ski patrol at Wisp Resort in Western Maryland or that he was a trained organist. Ted went all out and succeeded in everything he set out to do. When he retired from family practice, he volunteered at the B&O Railroad Museum and became a member of the operating crew, laboring to restore numerous pieces of rolling stock. After his wife died, Ted relocated to the Charlestown Retirement Community. There he was a very active member of their model railroad group.

Those of us in BANTRAK who knew Ted through the years are fortunate to have known him and share our hobby. We'll miss you Ted.



Ted Niznik (left) with the late Jerry Mulford (right)

### Sunday with AJ: Ryan Jones

On an early Sunday morning, AJ and I woke up to find the ladies of the house were very much still sleeping. We decided to head out early and find some breakfast.



We stopped by the proto-type line from which we based our oNeTrak Module. One of the sidings is leased by the National Railway Historical Society's Washington, D.C. Chapter (DCNRHS). This is where they recondition, service and house three Amtrak Certified Passenger cars. The Dover Harbor is a 1930's heavy-weight 6 Sleeper-Lounge-Buffet that is available for chartered travel anywhere in the continen-



tal United States. After catching us boys staring thru the fence; James (Jim) Lilly walked over to say hello. Jim is the Chief Mechanical Officer for the chapter and he was there waiting for CSX to pick up the Dover for its trip to join the

N&W 611 for the summer. We jumped all over his offer for a guided tour inside the car.

We really did jump...they had already stowed the step stool in preparation for the trip. The inside was like stepping into a time capsule. The polished brass and fine furniture were like nothing we had ever experienced. We got to see the galley and wonder how could so much food come from such a small space. We marveled at the six tiny (by today's standards) double bunked bedrooms. Heard stories of how you would slide your dress shoes thru a small doorway and they returned cleaned and polished in the morning.

Sadly, this is when I realized my cell phone was still charging in the car. While Jim was checking in with CSX we inspected the car's exterior and dreamt of the pictures we would take once CSX arrived. Alas, they were running on railroad time and 8 AM became 2 pm. We were forced to choose between this once in a lifetime experience and the BanTrak Meeting.

Ryan



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### Floquil Color Chart - Cross Reference

The Testors "Floquil" line of paints is being discontinued. Microscale has put together a cross reference for you to find substitute paint colors from alternate paint manufacturers. So let's say you are wanting to paint something with Testors Floquil "Coach Green", with this chart you will see that Tamiya has an alternate #71 Cockpit Green that will do just fine.

These won't be absolutely "bang on - dead ringers" but hopefully they will get you close enough into the ball park. Of course anyone can migrate to a Scale coat or Tru-Color. You will still want to do tests of your own by dipping in the jar and painting a few swatches yourself. The following chart is for reference only. Use at your own risk, but we are pretty confident in the colors. Hope this helps for future projects.

#### **Model Paint Manufacturers Index**

- VA Vallejo available from The War Store http://www.thewarstore.com/vallejomodelcolors.html
- MM Model Masters
- TE Testors
- TS Tamiya Spray
- GS Gunze Sangyo
- HU Humbrol available from Hornby America http://hornbyamerica.com/shop/humbrol/enamel-paints
- X, XF Tamiya

Paint Types Index	Sheen
<ul><li>A - Acrylic</li><li>E - Enamel</li></ul>	<ul><li>F - Flat</li><li>G - Gloss</li><li>M - Metallic</li></ul>

Floquil Color	New Mfr.	Part #	New Color Name	Paint Type	Sheen
Dust	VA	70.820 #4	Off-white	А	
Rail Brown	VA	70.795 #216	Green gold	А	
Primer	MM	1730	Flat Gull Gray	E	F
Engine Black	MM	1747	Gloss Black	Е	G
Reefer White	MM	2720	Classic White	Е	G
Reefer Grey	TE	1233	Flat Light Aircraft Gray	E	F
Grimy Black	VA	70.924 #94	Russian Uniform WW2	Α	
Railroad Tie Brown	HU	10	Service Brown	Е	G
Flat Clear	MM	2015	Flat Clear	L	F
Aged Concrete	VA	70.976 #120	Buff	А	
Weathered Black	XF	56	Metallic Grey	А	F
Caboose Red 110020	MM	1705	Insignia Red	E	F
Flesh	VA	70.928 #6	Light Flesh	А	
Tuscan	MM	1701	Military Brown	Е	F
Reefer Orange	HU	18	Orange	E	G



Floquil Color	New Mfr.	Part #	New Color Name	Paint Type	She
Reefer Yellow	MM	28104	Chrysler Yellow	Е	G
Railbox Yellow	MM	1708	Insignia Yellow	E	F
Brunswick Green	XF	63	German Grey	А	F
Burlington Northern Green	GS	66	Bright Green	А	F
Dark Green	MM	1710	Dark Green	Е	F
Light Green	MM	1716	Pale Green	Е	F
Depot Olive	XF	5	Flat Green	А	F
Pullman Green	HU	86	Matt Light Olive	Е	F
Coach Green	XF	71	Cockpit Green	А	F
Dark Blue	TS	15	Blue	А	G
Light Blue	XF	18	Medium Blue	А	F
Missouri Pacific Blue	TE	1172	Flat Sea Blue	Е	F
Missouri Pacific Lighter Blue	VA	70.961 #67	Sky Blue	А	F
Missouri Pacific Grey	HU	40	Pale Grey	Е	(
Great Northern Sky Blue	MM	2715	French Blue	E	(
Conrail Blue	MM	2012	Cobalt Blue	Е	F
Signal Red 1	MM	2719	Italian Red	E	(
Roof Brown (Orig)	VA	70.941 #148	Burnt Umber	А	F
Dust	MM	2010	Sand Beige	E	F
Rust	MM	1785	Rust	E	F
Boxcar Red	XF	64	Red Brown	А	F
Earth	MM	1706	Sand	Е	F
Concrete	MM	1726	Light Sea Gray	Е	F
Mud	XF	57	Buff	А	F
Foundation	MM	1709	Radome Tan	Е	F
Antique White	VA	70.918 #5	Ivory	А	
Grime	MM	1733	Camouflage Gray	Е	F
Depot Buff	HU	81	Matt Pale Yellow	Е	F
Caboose Red 110088	HU	133	Satin Brown	Е	F
Old Silver	MM	2714	German Silver Metallic	Е	N
Bright Silver	MM	1402	Stainless Steel	E	N
Bright Gold	HU	16	Gold	E	N
Brass	MM	1417	Brass	E	N
Copper	MM	2922	Champagne Gold	E	N
Gun Metal	TS	38	Gun Metal	E	(
Graphite	TS	40	Metallic Black	E	(
Southern Pacific Lettering Grey	MM	1729	Gloss Gull Gray	E	G

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Floquil Color	New Mfr.	Part #	New Color Name	Paint Type	Sheen
Southern Pacific Lark Light Grey	VA	70.884 #104	Stone Grey	А	
Southern Pacific Lark Dar Grey	k MM	1791	Navy Gloss Grey	E	G
Southern Pacific Lark Dar Grey Matches Athearn RTR SP Grey	MM	1788	Euro I Gray	E	F
Union Pacific Armour Yellow	TE	2118	Deep Yellow	E	G
Southern Pacific Daylight Orange	MM	2770	GO Mango	E	G
Southern Pacific Daylight Red	VA	70.910 #27	Orange Red	А	
Southern Pacific Scarlet Red	MM	2733	Ford Engine Red	Е	G
Platinum Mist	VA	70.883 #152	Silver Grey	А	
Union Pacific Armour Yellow(faded)	HU	103	Matt Cream	E	F
Union Pacific Harbour Mist Grey	XF	20	Medium Grey	А	F
PFE Light Orange	GS	109	Character Yellow	E	F
Southern Green	MM	1764	European Green	Е	F
Southern Freight Car Brown	HU	186	Brown	E	F
Santa Fe Red	TE	1150	Flat Red	E	F
Santa Fe Blue	MM	1719	Insignia Blue	Е	F
Santa Fe Yellow	MM	2023	Blue Angels Yellow	Е	F
Santa Fe Mineral Brown	MM	1785	Rust	Е	F
Reading Green	HU	116	Matt US Dark Green	Е	F
Tuscan Red	TE	1140	Brown	E	G
Oxide Red	MM	2009	British Crimson	E	F
Canadian National Orange #11	VA	70.911 #22	Light Orange	А	
Canadian National Orange #11	MM	4629	Chevy Engine Red	E	G
Canadian National Grey #17	XF	55	Deck Tan	А	F
Canadian National Yellow #12	MM	1707	Chrome Yellow	Е	G
Canadian National Green #12	HU	1325	Green	E	
CNW Yellow	MM	201	Cadmium Light Yellow	E	F

Floquil Color	New Mfr.	Part #	New Color Name	Paint Type	Sheen
CNW Green	XF	70	Dark Green	А	F
Wisc. Central Gold	TE	1112	Light Yellow	E	F
Wisc. Central Maroon Milwaukee Road Maroon	MM	28112	Honduras Maroon	E	G
TTX Yellow	VA	70.949 #10	Light Yellow	А	
MKT Green	GS	312	Green	Е	F
NYC/PC Green	TE	4210	Verdigris	А	G
CSX Grey	TE	1226	Flat Dark Aircraft Gray	Е	F
CSX Blue	VA	70.809 #54	Royal Blue	А	
CSX Black	TE	1147	Black	E	G
CSX Yellow	MM	1707	Chrome Yellow	E	G
SOO Line Red	HU	1321	Red	E	
Zinc Chromate Primer	MM	2003	Skin Tone Warm - Tint	E	F
Aero Light Gray Primer	MM	1728	Light Ghost Gray	Е	F
Aero Base Black Primer	MM	1749	Flat Black	Е	F
Aero Base White Primer	MM	1168	Flat White	E	F
D&H Blue	MM	2940	Racing Blue	E	G
D&H Grey	MM	1721	Medium Gray	E	F
UPS Trailer Grey ACFX Hopper Grey	MM	2077	Licht Grau RLM63	E	F
MILW Federal Yellow	MM	2717	Bright Yellow	E	G
Milwaukee Road Orange Pre 1973	TE	1127	Orange	E	G
Milwaukee Road Orange Post 1973 Athearn D&RGW RTR Action Orange	Х	6	Orange	А	G
SSI-Itel Orange	MM	4225	Coast Guard Orange	А	G
Erie-Lackawanna Maroon	TE	4225	Dark Red	E	G
Erie-Lackawanna Grey LMX Locomotive Grey	MM	1726	Light Sea Gray	E	F

If you would like to contribute to this on-going cross reference, please feel free to email us railroad@microscale.com

We have also included a link to the Revell Color Guide for your convenience. http://downloads.hobbico.com/misc/rmx/TES\_Revell\_Paint\_Match\_Guide.pdf

### T-Trak Update / Editorial: Chris Hyland

It was an interesting March, the weather changed from dreary to summer to dreary. And now we come to April. With the return of baseball and flowers also come shows. This month we will have one practically every weekend. By the time this is written, we will have already done Ranson, and be getting ready for the Hagerstown NMRA show. After that is Timonium and our first Gettysburg. And that is to start up the summer season. It will be fun as long as we make it so.

Spring is also a time for spring-cleaning, which means house keeping. Here are a few things that have cropped up that need a wee bit of addressing and one also gentle reminders for all of us, if you want to set up a show, which is fine. But follow these basic rules: 1) Check the calendar: If you are competing against a Timonium or one of the more popular shows, chances are you will get zilch in support. So use your best judgment. 2.) Get AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE TO BACK YOU UP!!!! This keeps you from having to do the one-legged dance at shows and protects your stuff and it is also a club requirement. 3) Let us know here early on so we can pitch it to people. Can't get help if no one knows what you are up to. Plus like parents, we don't want to get one of "those calls" in the middle of the afternoon. Ahem...

And on that note: Let people know that you are coming. Pitch in. Help with loading and unloading. Learn the layout and how it operates. Know that if you are planning on bringing a large quantity of modules particularly specialty ones (yards, switching modules, stuff based around small or large curves, whole divisions,) it would be helpful to you and the coordinator if you check the schedule and the coordinator know what your intentions were. We sometimes have to file for space, tables and other things up to three months in advance. This means that initial planning of the size of the layout and how many are in has already been done. When Chris or others

send out an all call a week before the event, this is only a reminder and a request for a few modules. Generally at this time it is impossible to add another yard or dig up enough modules to finish another layout. So, let the coordinator know in advance so that he can work out the plans around you. Also know that some of our set ups have strict space constraints. We might not be able to fit you in. And if we can't fit you in it doesn't mean that we don't want you. You can show up, but remember to share time. Use common sense at all times. Remember, you represent us.

Now to something that came up with the Fireside Chat of our National Great Leader. I saw this coming several months ago and everybody thought I had taken up being a roommate with the Unabomber in his cabin. Well, see now? Did any one ask you who you thought should be on a National T Trak board? Did they care what you thought? Heck no!!! But I revert to what I said before; they choose not to ask us, and we should ignore them. So just think of it as them picking up where Lee left us in the wilderness. Thanks for the ride, mac, but I think I am going to mosey up the forest trail on my own for awhile. It's not like there are National N Trak ninjas whose mission is to stop all non-sanctioned events and groups. Umm, is there?

That is enough of the housecleaning. I decided to leave the toxic waste stuff in the basement until next year. I am looking forward to all the fun things that spring brings; free concerts, baseball, the Stanley Cup, and trains. And we have lots of trains. See you at the show,

-Chris

### Ranson Show: Chris Hyland

Ranson WV, April 2, 2016. Members of the BANTRak Expeditionary Force (BEF) and S&P crossed the Virginia and West Virginia Borders early in the morning, slipping past the sleepy town of Harpers Ferry heading for Ranson. This is the Bunker Hill Club's (WV) annual all scale spring show.



We set up a small loop next to NVNTRAK's T Trak group. Members in attendance were David Clyde, Jeff Peck, Christian Peck, Tom Long, Leon, the Hyland clan as well as Karen Long and Francis Sorge.

Modules were provided by Ed Hyland, Pat Hyland and David Clyde, who unveiled a new module of a piece of Americana long gone: An arrow with a searchlight that helped planes get to their destination back in the 1920's. Some of these things are supposedly still out there today in the weeds!



Set up started at 8:30 and we were up and running by 9:30. We set up our magical box and ran both DC and DCC. And we ran all sorts

of trains. PWV freights, Amtrak, WM, and of course, lots of Pennsy steam. Including some of the really nice PRR Mikes from GHB. They ran flawlessly and seem, for brass, well worth the price.



The show was a good one with all sorts of weird stuff to be found. Who knew that Lifelike built a Dickerson B&O station in HO for their Snaplok brand. Wish they did it in N! There were plenty of N scale deals and older style kits and buildings all for a reasonable price. Plus Patrick from Bunker Hill trains was selling new stuff as well. We also made a purchase for a spectacular new, very patriotic, module that you will have to wait and see....

The show ended at 3 and we were out the door by 3:20. We then took off to Shenandoah Junction. And it was a busy time on the line. CSX is lowering the junction due to NS not raising their bridge. We caught several NS freight and CSX freights as well as an Amtrak train. Trains were still coming by as we took off. It was a great day for rail fanning.

This is one of my favorite shows next to the Artifacts show and Altoona. Best of all, it happens twice a year. Thanks to all who came out to run trains and to Joe at Bunker Hill for having us. Looking forward to October.

-Chris

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12th Anniversary Show

# "2016 N-Scale Weekend"

### **Model Train Show**

Saturday August 20th, 10 AM till 5 PM Sunday August 21st, 9 AM till 3 PM

### ALTOONA JAFFA SHRINE CENTER

BROAD Ave. & 22nd Street, Altoona, PA 16602

General Admission: \$5 Under 12 Free w/adult

Participant & Vender registration forms see below or, e-mail: weekendnscale@yahoo.com Web: www.n-scaleweekend.com Bedford Model Railroaders c/o Mike Phillips 773 Barclay Drive, Bedford, PA 15522 Phone or Text: 814-977-4933

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BALTIMORE AREA N-TRAK, TWIN TIERS N-TRAK, JERSEY CENTRAL N-TRACK
CAPITOL PENNSCALERS N-TRAK, CENTRAL OHIO N-TRAK. GENESE & ONTARIO MODEL N-GINEERS
THREE RIVERS ASSOCIATES N-TRAK, NEW JERSEY SOUTHERN N-TRAK, CANTINGTON N-TRAK
NORTHERN NEW JERSEY N-TRAK T-TRAK DIVISION, RALEIGH N-TRAK
PITTSBURGH LITE TRAK, & BEDFORD MODEL RALROADERS

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Event 1-Shirt.				

Ryan caught the engineer grabbing a bag of donuts to go from Bakery Express.



## **BANTRAK Membership:** Al Palewicz

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.

Please contact Treasurer Alan Del Gaudio for more information regarding your membership status and roster questions or contact Al Palewicz with general questions. 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
- Recognition as being part of a Nationally known club.



# Baltimore Area Ntrak Club

## Dues Invoice

Invoice Date:
12 February 2016

Payable to: Baltimore Area N-Trak
Remit to:
Mr. Alan Del Gaudio

Due Date: 19 April 20, 2016

Mr. Alan Del Gaudio 2905 Montclair Drive Ellicott City, MD, 21043 Or pay at February or March meetings

Annual Club Dues (Including National Ntrak Meml	bership) \$30.00
Member Name: Please Print E-mail & Phone:	
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	Alan Del Gaudio

## **BANTRAK 2016 CALENDAR**

Date	Event	Location	Contact	Туре
April 23,24	Great Scale Show	Timonium Fairgrounds	TBD	Show
May 15th	Club Meeting	Arthur Boyd's	Arthur Boyd	Meeting
June 26th	Club Meeting	Sykesville Tower	Ed Hyland	Meeting
July 17	Club Meeting	TBD	TBD	Meeting
August 19-21	N-Scale Weekend	Altoona PA	TBD	Show

## **BANTRAK CALL BOARD**

### **CLUB WORK SESSION 2016**

Contact Tim Nixon, Eric Payne or Paul Diley for work session information.







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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