



BANTRAK Newsletter

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The Engineer's Cab: Martin Myers

Hello all. Winter has come to an end. Time to get our outdoor projects going so model trains may have to take a back seat to other projects for some. That doesn't mean we will stop modeling but time to do so may be shorter over the next several months.

We have participated in two shows since our last newsletter. We did a one day display in Scaggsville, Md. For the NMRA mini-convention. This was a small layout (for us) that was plenty of fun to operate. Using DCC, we were able to run trains in opposite directions using available passing sidings to avoid the cornfield meet. Set up went quickly in just a couple of hours. Our hosts were happy with our display/ Thanks to Alan and John for their coordination on this project.

Our April layout at the Scale show was coordinated by Lauren and Eric and special thanks to Ryan for stepping up to help coordinate this show. Lauren planned a large oval with a few twists. Set up was rather easy on Friday. While I was not able to attend on Saturday, the reports were great for the day's operations. Sunday went well too, and we held a brief meeting just to let everyone know that we are still here. I mentioned at the meeting that we are looking for a location for our May meeting. Check your email as there will be a May meeting and the location will be announced through a mass message as soon as possible. Plans are also in the works for our annual club picnic. Alan Del Gaudio hosts us for the picnic at his home. Proposed dates are Saturday, June 22 or Saturday July 20th. The June date is just before Father's day and also the N Scale Enthusiast Convention. I will leave this up to popular demand of the membership. I am good for either date.

Speaking of the annual N Scale Enthusiast Convention... This year it will be held from June 26 – 30 in Chicago. <https://www.nationalscaleconvention.com/>.

Our next official NTRAK display will be in Altoona at the annual N Scale Weekend. Dates are August 3 and 4. Set up will be on Friday August 2nd. This will be our 15th "Weekend". BANTRAK has participated since the first year. This show is N Scale only and a great time to meet with other N scale modelers. There are plenty of NTRAK and T-Trak layouts in the hall. <https://www.n-scaleweekend.com/> BANTRAK participates with both NTrak and T-Trak layouts. Our unofficial club motel is again the Super 8 Motel <https://tinyurl.com/y2p9n9cy>. The rates are good, rooms are clean and convenient to Interstate and Jaffa Hall. Don't miss the T-Trak division's schedule of shows. While NTRAK takes a break for summer, T-Trak seems to never slow down.

Work progresses on this year's raffle layout. The modules have been procured. Two are constructed; the other two are being assembled. Track work will be next. I have the crossover and began making modifications to a couple of Unitrack pieces to bring it all together. We will have 4 modules to complete scenery on this year. A theme to tie the four together will need to be developed. I am hoping that some ideas will be proposed at our May meeting so that we can get to work on the modules. Volunteers to take a module home and work on it will be needed as well. This method will allow the layout to be handled by four different groups. The idea is to be able to have more participation by breaking the project up into smaller manageable pieces. Then bring the four modules together to form our usual excellent layout. We will also be able to answer that frequent question posed by many on the fence raffle ticket buyers. "Where would I put it?" answer: It comes apart and fits on a kitchen table when in use.

Regards,
Martin

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Next Meeting...

May 19th



Upcoming Conventions:

Make Plans Now

27th Annual

N Scale
ENTHUSIAST

2019

**National
N Scale
Convention®**

**Wednesday, June 26 to
Sunday, June 30, 2019**

Crowne Plaza
5440 North River Road
Rosemont, Illinois 60018
847-671-6350



Upcoming Conventions:

15th Anniversary

“2019 N-Scale Weekend”

N-Scale Model Train Show

Saturday August 3rd, 10 AM till 5 PM

Sunday August 4th, 9 AM till 3 PM

ALTOONA JAFFA SHRINE CENTER

2200 BROAD Ave., Altoona, PA 16602

General Admission: \$5

Under 12 Free w/adult

Participant & Vender registration forms see below or,
e-mail: weekendscale@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

N-Scale Model TRAINS & SUPPLIES

TEXNRAILS, WINGARD'S TRAINS, THE N-CELLAR, CRAZY TRAINS, SCALETRAINS
NEALS N GAUGING, BUNKER HILL TRAINS, BMRR, BOSTON & ALBANY HOBBIES,
CMR PRODUCTS, ESTHERS HOBBY, MIKE SABIA, MICRO TRAINS LINES, FOX VALLEY
RANDGUST, PAUL BANNETT, GARRY LANCE STEEL, TIM CASAZZA, SCOTT LOHR,
W. NEAL TRAINS, RICK PELTZ, WURTZ TRAINS, PAUL DICKASH, FRANK FEDROFF

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

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



MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: **BEDFORD MODEL RAILROADERS**

\$25.00 FEE FOR ALL RETURNED CHECKS.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL OR FAX: _____

“Weekend Participant” \$10 _____ Pig Roast w/ All the “Fixins” \$13 _____

Event T-Shirt: \$13 S M L XL \$15 XXL XXXL Circle Size

Total enclosed: \$ _____

EXHIBITORS & PARTICIPANTS ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOST AND OR INJURY TO THEMSELVES, FAMILY, STAFF, AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WHILE ATTENDING THIS SHOW. THEY EXPRESSLY RELEASE THE SHOW MANAGEMENT FROM LIABILITY FOR ANY LOSS AND/OR INJURY. Aug 2, 3 & 4, 2019.....



BANTRAK 2018-2019 CALENDAR

Date	Location	Contact	Type
May 5th	S&P Tower	Chris Hyland	T-Trak Show
May 19th	TBD	Martin	Meeting
June 26-30	Chicago	NA	N-Scale Convention
August 2-4	Altoona	Martin	Show

This year Alan DelGaudio and his family have again offered to host the club annual picnic. There are two possible dates, please let Al know which one you have a preference for so we can determine the exact date.

The two possible dates; June 22, the Saturday before Fathers' Day or Saturday, July 20. Please email Al your choice: aland2g@comcast.net

BANTRAK CALL BOARD

CLUB WORK SESSION 2018

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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