

# The Rusted Rail

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Welcome back to the next edition of the newsletter. Within the past two months, the club has participated in two showings with good success. On April 8th, we setup at a private event for a local adoption organization. It was a very good show and it was nice to interact with a different type of audience than most of our shows. It was a lot of fun seeing the excitement on the faces of the children watching the trains. Thomas the Tank even made a special guest showing for all the kids. That really drew smiles from the kids. Our next show in the beginning of May was for an exact opposite audience. We were invited to set up at the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Railroad Technical and Historical Society (PRRT&HS). Here we interacted with many knowledgeable folks who seem to know every minute detail about the Pennsylvania Railroad. There were several anomalies that seemed to make their way onto the layout during this show and then magically they seemed to disappear. Must have been a higher power or something. We got a real positive response from members of the PRRT&HS. More details about this show can be found on Page 4 of this newsletter.

So what does the summer hold for the club? Well we currently do not have any shows scheduled until late August, where we will attend the all N Scale show in Bedford. This summer will give members time to work on their modules and get any bugs worked out. Dale has been hard at work on his endeavor to build a very large yard for the layout. This will give us plenty of flexibility to conduct "operations" in the yard. Yes this is not an "operational" layout, but it give us something to do and show the audience. Bill donated two modules to the club to do with as we please. Ron has been hard at work getting track and roadbed down. These will be industrial type settings. The club has yet to decide what will be on them. We hope to get these finished for Bedford. Mark is currently working on a four footer with an alternate blue line location. Check out the forum for picture updates. Keep up the hard work everyone. Lets make this a very productive and positive summer.

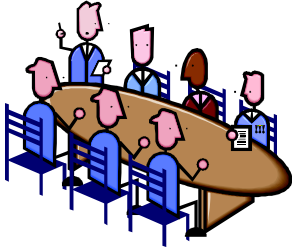
## Red Line Ramblings

Dale was asked to provide an update to the yard progress.

"At this point there is not a lot to report. I have done some work in preparation for the conversion of the original two modules to conduit legs, the control panel has been cut out and a full size layout of the panel diagram has been made and I have tested the method to remove the springs from the existing turnouts. The next steps will be to mount the panel and Tortoises."

### DID YOU KNOW???

That our club forum includes a notification feature? By subscribing to any or all of the three public forums (PenNScalers, NTRAK, N Scale), you can receive an email notification every time a new message is posted. You can find a link entitled "Subscribe to this forum" located above the title bar (Topic, Author, Replies, etc.) Its simple. If you have a question or encounter a problem, contact Dale Rider for help or post a message on the board.



## Meeting Schedule

Meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday and Third Sunday of every month. Unless otherwise noted below:

### Tuesdays

- June 6th, 6:30pm-8:30pm
- July 11th, 6:30pm-8:30pm
- August 1st, 6:30pm-8:30pm

### Sundays

- June 25th, 1-5pm
- July 23rd, 1-5pm
- August 20th, 1-5pm

## Club Participation Events

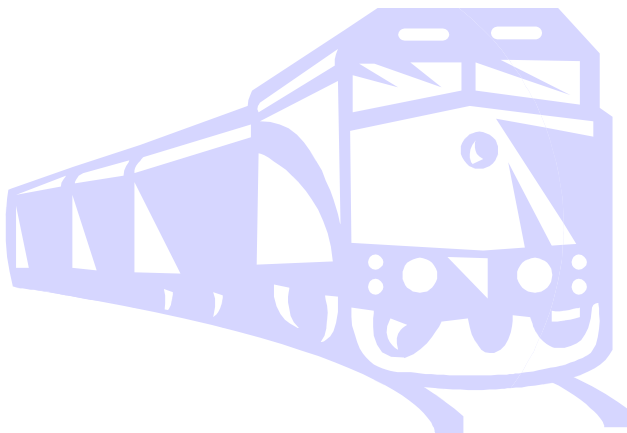
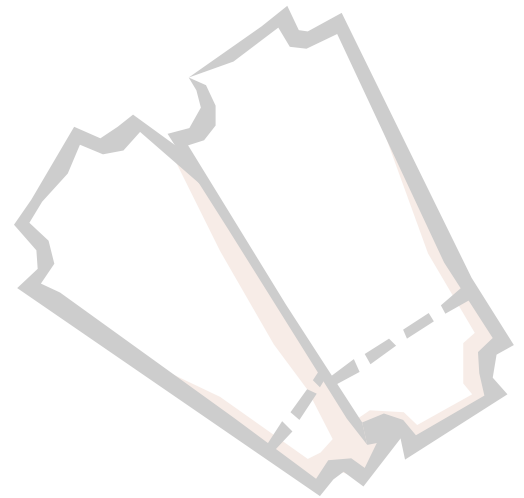
These events are events the club has agreed to participate in.

**August 26th & 27th, 2006**

“N-Scale Weekend”

Bedford, PA

Bedford Ford Auto Mall



## Other Events

### **Great Train Expo Shows:**

Timonium, MD: July 29-30

Ft. Washington, PA: August 5-6

Admission \$7

[www.GTExpo.com](http://www.GTExpo.com)

### **Great Scale Model Train Show**

Timonium Fairgrounds

June 24th and 25th

Sat 9-4, Sun 10-4

Admission \$7, (covers both days), under 12 free  
Family \$14

[www.gsmts.com](http://www.gsmts.com)



# Railroad Spotlight



## Burlington Northern (1970-1995)

Time for the next installment into looking at various past and present railroads in service. For this month's feature railroad, I have chosen the Burlington Northern Railroad.

The Burlington Northern Railroad (BN) was created in 1970 by the merger of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Co. (CB&Q); Northern Pacific Railway Co. (NP); Great Northern Railway Co. (GN); and the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway Co. (SP&S). The first president of the Great Northern line tried many times to merge with the various above mentioned lines since 1993, before the eventual large merger into the Burlington Northern Railroad. Then in 1980 the BN acquired the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Co. (Frisco). The BN still thrives today as the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF), after the two merged in 1995.

\*\* The above information was summarized from the BNSF website @ [www.bnsf.com](http://www.bnsf.com).

Club Financial Statement	
Previously Reported Balance:	\$169.14
Income:	
Dues:	\$0.00
Show Proceeds:	\$0.00
Expenditures:	
None:	\$0.00
Interest:	
As of April 30th	\$0.57
Ending Club Fund Balance:	\$169.71

Note: Interest earned is now reported because I now have the funds in an account by themselves.



Suggestions, Inquiries, Comments?  
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The club participated in a showing on May 5th and 6th for the Annual Convention of the Pennsylvania Technical and Historical Society (PRRH&TS). This was a great opportunity for the club to showcase what we have done so far and what the future modules will look like. There were many favorable comments by the convention members. The club even allowed convention goers to test their equipment on the layout. The newest member of the club is Bill Lewis, who happens to be the current president of the local chapter of the PRRH&TS. The organizing staff of the show, stated that they would like to see our club back for the next convention in 2008. Stay tuned for further updates concerning this showing. Below is a short summary of the convention and a copy of an email that Bill Lewis sent to all club members regarding the show-

**The Pennsylvania Railroad Technical and Historical Society  
Annual Convention  
March 4th-7th, Radisson Penn Harris Convention Center, Camp Hill, PA**

The Pennsylvania Railroad Technical and Historical Society held their annual convention this year in the Harrisburg area at the Radisson Penn Harris Convention Center. This event provide members four days of various activities and networking with other members. The annual meeting provided members with options to attend many lectures and workshops. Topics included the history of various sites and buildings maintained by the former Pennsylvania Railroad. There were also seminars concerning modeling means and methods of structures and equipment. On hand were many exhibitors, a model display contest and a modular N-Trak layout provided by our club, the Capital PenNScalers. The Convention was concluded by the annual business meeting and banquet for all those that attended.

To all the Capital PenNScalers:

Just a short note here to say a very large "thank you" to all the members and friends of the club for being such a class act at this year's Annual Meeting of the PRR T&HS at The Radisson/ Penn Harris. The trains ran flawlessly (all things considered), and I personally overheard many, many favorable comments and "thank you's" from the convention attendees. In my humble opinion, a major contribution to the weekend's festivities was made by the NTRAK layout and it's members. Since I am now a fortunate member of Capital PenNScalers, I may appear partial here, but I am eagerly awaiting the 2008 weekend here at the Penn Harris, when we, as N scale hobbyists, can share our particular brand of train-running enthusiasm with the convention attendees! The CPN members who participated this past weekend are to be commended on displaying the best that the hobby has to offer.

With high regard,  
Bill Lewis  
President, Northern Central Chapter, PRR T&HS  
(hosting chapter of the 2006 Annual Meeting)

\*\*Editors note: This page is in no way an endorsement for the PRR T&HS. The club was grateful for being asked to setup and participate at annual convention. Thanks again to the members of the PRR T&HS and the local hosting chapter for allowing us to share these few days with them.

# From the Desk of the Imperious Leader

Hi folks,

As I'm writing this we are a few weeks out from the PRRT&HS Annual Meeting setup, and what a great time that was! I've already said this before, but I think we did a great job showing what we can do in our hobby. So, once again thanks to all that made this happen!

With that under our belts, our next outing will be the big N-Scale Weekend in the Bedford area towards the end of August. I'm sure looking forward to that event, and I hope you are too.

Having said that, as we move into the summer months, Model Railroading often takes a back seat to other activities that many of us enjoy that are conducive to warm weather and sunshine. Whether it is gardening, traveling, boating, rail-fanning, catching up on the honey-do list, whatever, our 'indoor' hobbies often take a rest for several months.

And that's OK...

Despite all of these other activities, I'm sure some of us, myself included, will use some of this summer to get some work done on our modules, or perhaps start new ones.

Ands that's OK too...

The point I'm trying to make here is that this is a great hobby we are engaged in, but it is just that, a **hobby**. As we move ahead, I want to be sure to always keep the **fun** in mind. For those that may be newer to the club, the vision, if you will that Harold and I had for this group, was to keep it low key, informal, and above all **fun**. And, I think we have done a good job of keeping it that way. Heck, the whole **Imperious Leader** business is a tongue-in-cheek swipe at other clubs with their formal titles and sundry other requirements. After all, if a hobby becomes an obligation or causes stress, it becomes **work**.

Credit goes to Al Kalmbach or Linn Westcott or who-ever it was that penned the very apropos phrase that used to grace the top of the cover of each issue of Model Railroader:

**Model Railroading is Fun.**

Yes, indeed it is!

Have a great Summer!

Mark



# Membership Interest???

New members are always welcome and anyone interested in joining is free to attend meetings to get to know us. The club is a fairly laid back group and we are all here for fun and to enjoy the hobby. The club participates in many showings per year at various local and regional venues. Attendance is not mandatory, but is encouraged. Currently the club meets two times a month. Members have the option to construct their own modules using the N-Trak standards of construction. Members are free to create a unique theme or to model similar to current club modules. Existing club members are available for any questions or constructive suggestions for ideas. If you should decide to join the group, we do have annual dues of \$20 per household. This helps to offset group expenses somewhat and it is prorated depending on when you join. Details are on the club website.

Look for the club events listed in this newsletter and on the club website and feel free to stop by and talk to us. We are more than happy to talk to everyone we meet.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us: Phone: 1-877-464-6321  
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