

The Rusted Rail

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Welcome back for another edition of the Capital PenNScaler's newsletter. A good topic for this newsletter would be Mother Nature. For the second year in a row, the club set up at the NHRS 21st Annual Harrisburg Railroad Show and Collectors Market, in Steelton, PA. For this show, Mother Nature decided that the club would benefit from a nice snow storm. The club fought through the snow flakes and had a good showing. For a first hand account of this show, see the article on page four of the newsletter.

Well mother nature threatened club activities again in April. The club planned to take some modules to the Timonium show and run a joint layout with Northern Virginia Ntrak (NVNTRAK). Only a few members were planning on attending this particular event. The weathermen could not decide what type of weather we were having, so they called for another blizzard or torrential rains. Well in the end, from Harrisburg to Baltimore, the precipitation was just wet, not white. A certain "Yardmaster" also feel ill on this weekend and the powers to be, decided it was best for the club not to participate in this event, this time.

The next edition will contain a write-up for the "Pennsy Days" showing on June 2nd and 3rd. The Capital PenNScaler's had a joint layout setup with a couple members of the NVNTRAK.

The Capital PenNScaler's are again extending an invitation to anyone, who maybe thinking about joining, to stop by and run at any upcoming event. We are a fairly laid back group, who just likes to get together, shoot the breeze and run some trains. So if this sounds like something you may be interested in, please contact us through the website or stop by at an upcoming show. We look forward to meeting you.

Red Line Ramblings

A new feature has been added to the newsletter starting with this edition. Please see Page 5 for the new item. Every edition will feature a new mental exercise that will add a fun twist to the newsletter. I am looking for information to add to this section, such as Crosswords, newsletters, trivia, etc.

If anyone has information they would like to submit for use in newsletter, please email them to newsletter@pennscalers.org.

ATTENTION CLUB MEMBERS:

The Sunday meetings will continue on a rotation to various members houses. Mark has graciously hosted these meetings to date and will continue to host the Tuesday meetings. This option was suggested a few months back. Contact Mark at mfriend@pennscalers.org to sign up for the Sunday meeting of your choosing.



Club Participation Events

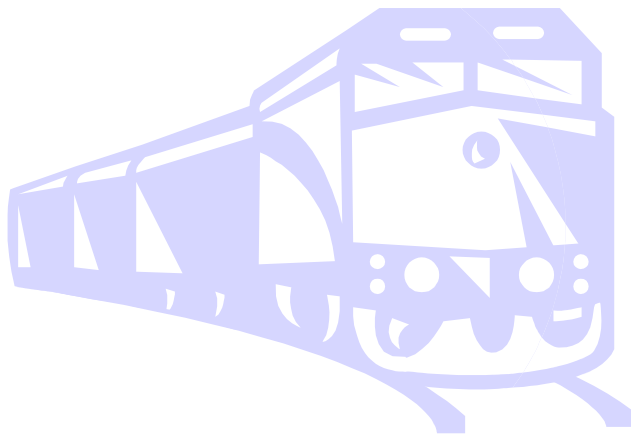
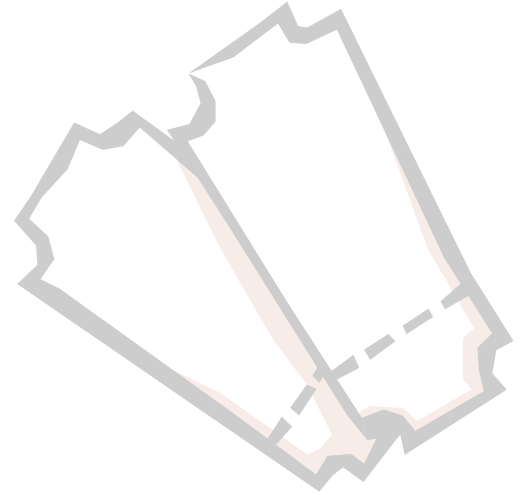
These events are events the club has agreed to participate in.

June 1st-3rd, 2007

Pennsylvania Railroad, Pennsy Days
Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania
Route 741
Strasburg, PA 17579
www.rrmuseumpa.org

August 25th and 26th, 2007

N-Scale Weekend
ProCare Sportsplex
125 Willow Grove Drive (3 miles east of Bedford on Rt 30)
Everett, PA 15537
Saturday 10-5, Sunday 9-3
Admission \$4, Children under 12 FREE w/ adult
(See website for links to Flyer for the event)



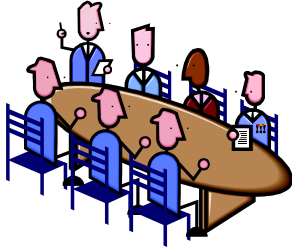
Other Events

Great Scale Model Train Show

June 23rd & 24th,
October 13th & 14th
Maryland State Fairgrounds
Timonium, Maryland
[Website](#)

Great Train Expo

July 14th & 15th
Pittsburgh Expo Mart
Monroeville, PA
[website](#)



Meeting Schedule

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

Tuesdays (6:30pm to 8:00pm)

- June 5th, 2007, Cancelled
- July 3rd, 2007
- August 7th, 2007

Sundays (1:00pm to 5:00pm)

- June 24th, 2007 (4th Sunday, Fathers Day 17th)
- July 15th, 2007
- August 19th, 2007
- Check website for up to date (Official) meeting days, as they may differ from those published here.
- Tuesday meetings to be held at Mark's house as normal. (See website for directions)
- Sunday meetings will be on a rotating basis with various members hosting. Please see the website for meeting locations and directions.

Club Financial Statement

Previously Reported Balance: \$410.72

Income:

Dues:	\$14.00
Show Proceeds:	\$0.00

Other Income:

None	\$0.00
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Expenditures:

None	\$0.00
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Interest:

As of April 30th:	\$1.24
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Ending Club Fund Balance: \$425.96

Additional Information:

None at this time.



Suggestions, Inquiries, Comments?

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Capital PenNScaler's NTRAK made a return appearance at the NRHS Harrisburg Chapter Railroad Show and Collectors Market on Saturday, March 17th in the I.W. Abel Hall in Steelton, Pennsylvania. This was the club's second appearance at the Chapter's annual event. Last year our layout consisted of five modules plus end loops. This year we had a full twelve by nineteen foot loop in operation, a nice indication of the club's growth in the past year.

In spite of blizzard-like conditions and gridlocked traffic on Friday afternoon, Mark Friend, Dwight Varnes and Dale Rider persevered (with the help of four-wheel drive) to deliver the layout and setup on Friday evening. Unfortunately, the Chapter's HO sectional layout could not be delivered due to the bad weather. As a result, we were assigned the prime location on the hall's main stage, affording our group high visibility and an outstanding vantage point.

Marks' new 30" x 48" module, christened "Penn Central Daze," made its debut. In addition to the three standard tracks, the module includes the alternate blue line and features an upper level loop over the main lines. Two bridges, several sidings, and a tunnel highlight the loop, which provides for independent operation of an additional train.

Also present was Bill Lewis' extensive collection of Sherman tanks. Bill utilized the extra track on Mark's module to create a flatcar loading operation. Check out the web site for photos of our era clash where World War II military hardware co-existed with contemporary intermodal equipment.

In spite of the harsh weather, the public turnout on Saturday was still respectable. Club members enjoyed a great day running trains and had an opportunity to interact with a variety of model railroad enthusiasts. As a result, we were able to add a number of interested parties to our growing email distribution list.

Thanks also to Dwight Varnes, Mark Friend, Justin Gallup, Bob Gallup, Bill Lewis and Harold McKinney for all their help in making our Saturday operation a success.

Contributed by club member Dale Rider

Imperious Leader Report

Hi folks,

Summer is all but upon us, and as I write this we're getting geared up for Pennsy Days at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania at the beginning of June to be followed by the annual N-Scale Weekend in Bedford in August.

Pennsy Days promises to be a unique experience for us since the layout will be greatly expanded by the participation of some folks from Northern Virginia Ntrak (Mantra). I'm sure this will be a great time and an opportunity to learn some new things as well.

Hopefully we will never stop learning new things about our chosen niche of the hobby, as that goes a long way towards keeping this from becoming stagnant or boring.

Since learning new things plays such a big role in a hobby like model railroading, let me touch on that a bit.

In the last newsletter, I talked about recruitment efforts, and while we have continued to make headway in getting the word out there, new, active members aren't exactly beating down our doors. So what does this have to do with learning? Well, simply, why not give consideration to building a module if you don't currently have one? One of the great things about his hobby is that you can learn an great deal by doing... modeling that is. Building a module, even a simple POFF (Plain Old Four Footer) is a great learning experience.

If the job sounds daunting, or you feel that you lack the skills for a certain aspect of module construction, believe me when I say, don't be afraid to dive in there and give it a shot. We also have a number of folks in the club that have done it and would be happy to share what they know.

If you're one of the folks that receive our mailings and newsletter, but aren't yet a 'regular' member, please consider giving active involvement in the club a try. Again, we're here to help and to share our enjoyment of the hobby.

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As a side note, Mike and I have briefly discussed reducing the frequency of these newsletters to perhaps every 4 months or twice a year. Ultimately that is his decision. But what he really needs to keep the Newsletter going is material. So, if you have something to contribute... some photos, module ideas and plans, a short review of a new N Scale product you recently purchased or modeling tips, drop Mike an email: newsletter@pennscalers.org.

Have a great Summer, and I hope to see everyone at our upcoming events.

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 @ info@pennscalers.org

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