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Capital Region Model Railroad Club e-Newsletter

Welcome to the month of May. I hope that everyone is doing well. Well, this newsletter has been a long time coming to fruition (sort of like a layout). I hope that everyone is doing well, and staying healthy. I am sure that we would all love to be out and about right now, and my all indications, those days are coming soon. For now, it is a good time to stay home, enjoy this extra time with the people we love and be able to do some of those extra chores or projects that we just never had the time to do.

When I was trying to thinking about the club, I like to think that we have a good plan and are in a construction mode. But, just like building a house, or any large projects, it is definitely something that takes everyone, each with their special skills, to come together to a final product. The good news is that we have a lot of the pieces are in place and every time we are getting better.

So, here is the latest news:

XO Tower Layout: The layout and the tower are both still there. Obviously, not much work has been done on it recently, but when things still down, we will get back together and maybe do some of the final items. It will probably need a good cleaning of the track prior to running, but I think we are in a good place.

Modular Layout: With the New York on Pause extended until May 15, and hearing about other things being cancelled or postponed, it is unsure on how this going to affect the train shows we normally attend. Usually in the beginning of July, we get the announcement about the Syracuse Show, with the sign-up forms. So, if that comes as normal, that would be a good sign. But, as right now, our current schedule is:

October 24-25: Upstate Model Railroaders Train Show – They talked about this being a two show, and we can get in their a day ahead of time to setup. If that is truly the case, then I think we should bring the layout as we would set up for Syracuse. It would be a good way to get the bugs out as well allow us to pack the trailer exactly how we want it. Plus, being a two day local show, it means more train running time!

November 7-8: Syracuse Train Show – This show is still on schedule for that weekend. The normal schedule for this show is that we get there Friday, setup, and the run Saturday/Sunday, and come home that Sunday. If everything works out well from the previous train show, we should be able to setup quickly as things will be already in place.

November 21: Polish Community Center Show – This small show is probably going to be the small club layout or we will try to figure something else out.

December 6: Albany Train Show - This is the final train show of the year, and it is not going to be on the same weekend as Thanksgiving (which means more people) and hopefully the weather is better (we all remember last year's drive home). Being that they will probably have more people, means our layout will be back to its normal size. This is a bonus, because we will probably use the same layout from Glens Falls and Syracuse, so that means we will be professionals setting it up by then, and like last time, we will have all the connectors between the modules labeled and ready to go. Less guess work and faster setup.

Clinics: Yes, I am still planning on having these. Although the tree making and building ones are sort of out the door, I was thinking that we will definitely have the car tune-up clinic where we can get our cars all set to go, and engines programmed. If anything, it will be a good chance to get together to socialize.

Summer Cookout: So, I was thinking if the weather gets really nice, and we are all allowed to be together, I am going to host a BBQ at my house. We have the space here for everyone, and it will be something fun to do. Anyway, look for that in August time-frame.

Anyway, hopefully everyone stays safe and is doing well. Don't forget to check out the Model Railroad Academy if you haven't already. If you need the username/password, just email me. We have it for the year.

Talk to you later!