



New Hampshire Garden Railway Society Newsletter

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Upcoming Shows

- **Lebanon Train Show**
April 10, 2005
10 am—4pm
- **Hooksett Lion's Train Show**
April 25, 2005

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Suleski Transportation Chief Replaced!

Shockwaves traveled throughout the railroading community as the news spread that Suleski Transportation leader and founder, Scott Suleski had been replaced. "It's just something you would never believe possible" was the sentiment echoed by nearly everyone who knows Scott.

Ironically, Suleski's replacement came after years of his presence keeping the closest friends of his railroad empire safe from the inherent dangers of the business. For what seems like a life time, Scott has been providing emergency medical treatment to those in need. "Fellow members of the NHGRS have enjoyed a great deal of comfort in knowing that a helping hand was always there for them should they become injured in some way" said one club official who asked not to be identified.



EMTs Vito Lanzillo Jr. and Jessica Kottmyer fill ST chief's shoes at 2005 ECLSTS in York, Pa.

The action, which some have termed "premature", came this past April in York, Pa where Scott was found enjoying himself at the *continued page 2*

President's Message

Yet another East Coast Show has come and gone. My feet have finally forgiven me, I've made up my sleep deficit and I'm still basking in the warm glow of the fun and fellowship I enjoyed with my fellow club members and all the large-scale RRing friends I've made across the US and Can-

ada. This year's show was the biggest and best yet, and I believe it to be the equal of the Queen Mary Show in San Diego. *continued page 2*



Dave Sawyer

President's Message continued...

In my opinion, the entire hobby owes a debt of gratitude to Lewis Polk for having the vision and fortitude to establish this show and support it financially through the lean years.

Now, I am eagerly anticipating the upcoming Lebanon train show this weekend. This show was the first show that our club participated in starting in the mid-1980s when Don Sweet and Dan Boucher, our founding members, took a loop of track up there and ran trains on cafeteria tables. Little Green made her debut at the Lebanon show and she will be returning there

again after a year's hiatus. I hope to see you there!

And at the end of the month, we will be participating in the annual Hooksett Lions Club Show where we will be running a stage layout and an outdoor layout on EverGreen. This, too, is a fun show and I hope to see a good turnout.

Returning to the East Coast Show, I want to thank everybody who participated. Fred Hillhouse managed to cram more modules into Big Green than we have ever managed and still kept us within our allowed

space. I heard many complimentary comments about our layout at the show and have seen some on the online forums. I especially want to thank the members of the Rusty Rails and Rotten Ties Club and the Inner City GRR Club for showing up to help us set up Big Green. BTW, one of the Rusty Railers won a prize in the modeling contest.

I hope to see you all at the monthly meeting this Friday and I'm really looking forward to Show and Tell after East Coast Show feeding frenzy.

Dave

Suleski Transportation continued...

ECLSTS hosted by Aristo-Craft. "His attendance at the ECLSTS is not unusual but his proximity to the NHGRS in 'Big Green' is typically more prominent" said one NHGRS member who asked to remain anonymous.

Replacements, Vito Lanzillo Jr. and Jessica Kottmyer

were as surprised as anyone to be tapped for service. "They are big shoes to fill" said Lanzillo. "I'm hoping the two of us can keep up with the legendary Suleski!" Kottmyer was overheard saying "I

"I'm hoping the two of us can keep up with the legendary Suleski!" - Vito Lanzillo Jr.

just hope I can continue my nursing studies with the level of responsibility I now have here in

'Big Green'. Have you seen how clumsy these guys are? They're all an injury waiting to happen!" *continued page 3*

March Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 7:45 pm. President Dave Sawyer conducted the meeting and welcomed members to our new meeting location at the American Red Cross. Vice President/ Web Master Scott Suleski gave an up-



First meeting at the American Red Cross.

date on the web page.

2. Secretary's Report – Motion passed to accept the minutes as published.

3. Dick Underdown gave the Treasurer's report.

4. Ken Hawes of the Executive Committee announced a club goals meeting would be held after the Milford Show. More info to follow. *continued page 3*

Suleski Transportation continued...

"It was bound to happen sooner or later" was how one show goer put it. "I wouldn't put this out to the public but it's gotten to the point where some attendees have just about done away with the 911 system! The doors weren't open for more than 30 minutes Friday morning when we heard the call for service come over the PA!"

Another model railroad-



Suleski Transportation's ex-Chief?

ing bargain hunter said he put off a minor medical procedure hoping to run into Scott in the parking lot. "I've heard of good deals at train shows but that

takes it! Everyone knows Scott would help out anyone in any way he could but a minor scheduled procedure in the parking lot? Come on! I don't think he'd even do it after a few poolside pops."

Throughout the weekend, Scott, a 'social butterfly' at

train shows, was spotted with a large grin on his face, hanging out with several members of the large scale railroading community in both the layout and the dealer hall. He also spent a great deal of time with Larry Mosher manning his booth. Thankfully, Larry avoided requiring any medical services.

Company officials remained tight lipped but it is hoped that Scott's replacement is not permanent. Unfortunately, Scott Suleski could not be reached for comment.

Milford Show Pictures...where are yours?



Ken Hawes and Dave Miller did a super job once again with the Milford Show!



Kayla always amazes me with the scenes she comes up with!



Sully keeps an eye in the yard at the engine house.

March Meeting Minutes continued...

Ken also gave an extensive overview of the various layouts to be at Milford, the publicity campaign and the hours of the show inviting all members to please join in.

5. John Foley announced the upcoming Lebanon Show on April 10, 2005. 10am – 4pm. He

is looking for volunteers.

6. Upcoming ECLSTS was discussed. Some logistics were worked out. Sign-up sheet for the ECLSTS was passed around.

7. Dave Sawyer announced the Hooksett Lion's Show is April 25,

2005. Please plan to attend.

8. Scott Suleski announced the dates of the Hampton Show at Sacred Heart School – October 1-2, 2005.

9. Bob Clark brought up the Rib Fest at Budweiser. They were possibly *continued page 4*

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Jan Schmidt, winner of the raffle at the Milford Show poses with her husband Atlant, Show Chairman, Ken Hawes (L) and Club President Dave Sawyer (R). Look for more show pictures in the next newsletter. Feel free to send in some of yours. Add a fun caption to one or two!

March Meeting Minutes continued...

looking for a display.

10. Membership Chairman Pete Briggs gave his report. Currently 52 paid members.

11. Tom O'Neill announced his involvement with Airwire and Phoenix sound. He is now a dealer for those products.

12. Show & Tell – Larry Goodhue displayed a beautiful Accucraft Mogul he picked up at Diamond Head. Lee 'Tiny' Deneth showed off his B&M RDC. Bob Eldridge brought a work caboose. John Foley built a lineside shack out of a scratch built



Train shows aren't for the weak!

work caboose shell. Henry Anthony brought in a 1936 American Flyer set – a couple of pieces were his as a young lad. (He doesn't seem that old! ;-)) Jim Maloney displayed his layout. Ernie Bay showed us his \$2 layout. (Ernie, plan on doing a piece on building \$2 layouts for us! Hint, hint, hint...) Scott Suleski had a LSOL calendar showing his winter running pictures.

Larry Mosher closed show & tell with a beautiful sand tower he scratch built out of copper and brass!

13. Motion to adjourn at 8:45pm



Reminds me of the Jackson Brown tune about the "...the roadies take the stage..." It's a lot of work but it's a lot of fun!



The truck's finally loaded for the trip home!