

Model Railroaders Club train show delivers educational fun



Kevin Flanders photos
Joe Lepage, of Amherst Railway Society, helps run his organization's massive layout.

AUBURN — From longtime train enthusiasts to youngsters just getting into the hobby, everyone was on track for a fun and informational day at the Worcester Model Railroaders Club's annual train show last weekend. The Feb. 28 event took place at Auburn Elks Club. A few operational layouts were on display, and several vendors offered products for collections of all scales. In yet another strongly attended event, guests from throughout the area descended on Auburn not only to purchase new items, but to find new inspirations for their own layouts.



It's amazing how quickly model railroad layouts can grow. The Amherst Railway Society setup features hundreds of cars and several railroad lines.



A train pulls into the station.



Keith Servant, of Rutland, spends the day with his 10-year-old son Ethan.



People of all ages enjoy the simple and yet mesmerizing pleasure of watching model trains.



This exceedingly detailed locomotive even features "smoke" billowing from the stack.



WMRR members of all generations pose for a photo.



Lucas Woeler, 6, of Whitinsville, left, and his brother Jacob, 7, watch an N-scale train.



Ryan Stehlin, of Belchertown, brings his 10-month-old daughter Arya to the show.

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