

Trackmaster Report
Greenberg Show at Fredericksburg Expo Center
August 7&8, 2021

Trackers Brave I-95 Traffic to Exhibit at the Fredericksburg Greenberg Show

The set up period designated by the show management for layouts began at 1 PM Friday afternoon. The trackmaster pulled in first at 1:15 PM, followed in short order by Tim Minor and Bob Easton. Tim kindly provided two additional modules (a rail yard and village scene) to compensate for a member who had to cancel his participation. Bob was assisted by his grandson, Nolan, in setting up his 2 module downtown display. Nolan also assisted with set-up of the club corners and packed the cooler. Shortly afterward, Jack Frost arrived with grandson Sebastian to set up his very popular National Mall display. Bill Creech, accompanied by Bear Bailey, appeared and set up his Tunnel module. Claire Eudy's airfield modules were delivered and set up by the Trackmaster, and Don Roberts checked in to set up his Maintenance Yard vignette. The set up period concluded at 6 PM, and the participants saddled up to fight the northbound traffic.

Saturday morning, the show floor opened at 7 AM and members arrived to complete set up activity. Dave Bonner prepared his gas station module, and Gary Lavinus assembled his car dealer module to complete the layout. Once all the modules were connected, the green continuity lamp was lit. On the geezer gate, one of the latch balls had become misaligned and needed to be adjusted. There was one minor wiring issue in a member module which was diagnosed and remedied by Thomas "Gilliy" Gilsdorf well prior to the show opening at 10 AM. Saturday attendees at the show included President Regis Harkins, Treasurer John Masiyowski, and Lynn Gaines.

The show floor was fairly crowded Saturday until mid-afternoon, as rain fell steadily in the area until shortly before the show closed down at 4 PM. Due to the relatively small number of participants, track time was readily available. I found that this particular Greenberg show was notable owing to the quality of vendor offerings. It is not uncommon for me to walk the floor of a Greenberg show and find nothing of interest. This time was different, as I found 8-10 items that appealed to me. I had to decide which item I wanted most and limited my purchases to that one item.

On Sunday, the show was much more sparsely attended, possibly due to improved weather. The show went smoothly until closing at 4 PM. Tear down was facilitated by our location next to a roll up door. Bob's daughter and grandsons and Jack's son and grandson Sebastian, assisted with the teardown. All items were packed, and everyone was on the road by 5:40 PM.

Respectfully,

Rick Eudy
Trackmaster