

Boston Metro Hi-Railers Club

Holds Open House

April 2012

The train club had a successful open house with local and state public officials officiating and a record turnout for the club's spring open house.

Wilmington Selectmen Michael Champoux and Senator Bruce Tarr gave welcoming remarks and good wishes from state officials and the Wilmington Board of Selectmen. The Senator commented that he was happy to see trains that ran on time and that did not need a fare.

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, led by Executive Director Nancy Vallee arranged the public ceremony.

The Wilmington cable TV spent over 6 hours at the facility taking videos of the event that were later shown on local access cable channel.

The club displayed some new scenery on the layout for the first time. It will be a three-year project to complete the scenery fully due to the size of the layout. The club has a new group of expert scenery makers and plans to have the best layout in the region.

Adults, train modelers and a large group of families and children had a great day offering many compliments about the layout.

Marty Fitzhenry, a prominent local train club expert, posted some very favorable comments in the O-Gauge Forum about the event. Marty has been involved in the hobby for over a decade and is the chief certified repair contactor for both MTH and Lionel trains in the area.

Mr. Fitzhenry commented: "Wow! We went to the club for a visit. I was very impressed with the new facility and the top-notch job the guys did on the layout. People, this thing is huge. Everything ran great and all the members present were very helpful with any questions. I have to state this is the best I have seen in my area. Job well done guys."

The club expects to hold or participate in several events during the year including Wilmington Community events and special club visits.