



Lake Erie “N” Scale Society

"L.E.N.S."

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Nearly 30 years of promoting model railroading!

Welcome! LENS is a group of people with a common interest in modeling N scale railroads using the "NTRAK" modular concept.

Any time we meet and/or display our work and promote this hobby, we would love to have you join us.

This means that ALL of us have chances to participate in the hobby by helping with any or all of the following:

Setting up / tearing down
Running trains
Sharing your knowledge
Learning something new
Answering questions
Hosting a meeting

Notice that NONE of the above requires a module. We need your help... so bring yourself, your enthusiasm, your interest and your trains.

Thanks in advance for helping! Hopefully, we will continue to see you at the meetings and display events.

Come and join in the fun!

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This publication is intended to be a monthly newsletter describing the business, events and the common interest in N scale model railroading enjoyed by the members of the Lake Erie N Scale Society.

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Meetings normally start at 8:00 p.m., the fourth Friday of each month.

Last Month's Meeting

The April meeting was held at Chuck L.'s home. We saw his layout and discussed Railfest. The Railroads in the Park set-up was finalized.

This Month's Meeting

The June meeting will be on the 25th at 8 pm. Near Burton at the home of Bob V. at 8 PM. His layout is operating. Discuss Railroads in the Park and decide if we will meet or not this summer.. See you there!

Next Month's Meeting

TBD

Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys

38033 Euclid Ave.

440-942-6632

Microtrains Dealer

You've seen Rob & Sandy at Railfest — why not visit their store in Willoughby when you get a chance.

Looking for LENS apparel?



Contact Karen (**440-347-0938**) to order your favorite items. Quality, prices & selection to fit every budget!



Dave's World

.....I've discovered a new (at least for me) adhesive for installing windows and panes in laser kits or other wooden structures. PSA, or 'pressure sensitive adhesive', comes from Micro-Mark. It flows easily, dries crystal clear, and is very tacky. You actually do the installation of the wood frames after the tackiness develops (just a minute or so), followed similarly by the panes, with just a tiny drop at each corner. Good hold and no mess to dental pic out.

....There is an announcement in this month's RMC from Unionville depot (Canada) which is intriguing. They have a club there and members were tired of having to move around to throw turnouts by hand, so they've developed a laser-control sensor system. Place a sensor in a building window close to a turnout, or other accessories, use the laser up to 10 feet away to target the sensor, which is hard-wired locally to the accessory powered just to the bus line. I checked out the website and may order a set to further evaluate.

....Con-Cor's new rigid-mount couplers are a small nuisance---and I've broken apart several---but they re-assemble readily, unlike MT couplers. Now that I've become familiar with them, they're not so bad. The rigidity makes for a stronger pull without coming apart. Downside is that adjacent cars must be coupled by lifting and insertion each to the other instead of connecting the cars on the track itself. But I now believe it's not worth the effort to change them out to standard MT couplers

...American Model Builders (Laser Kit) now has a pickle-vat car kit (minus the flatcar) to go with their Pickle Works laser kit. This fits a 42 or 40 ft flatcar (Atlas, Intermountain, Red Caboose). These cars were seen online into the early 1960's so unless you're modeling and running super-modern, they are an interesting and unique period addition. I haven't built either yet, so they are in the category of 'getting a roundtuit'. But don't look for these to be on sale at next Railfest!

Dave N

“F.R.E.D.”



See you at the next station!

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