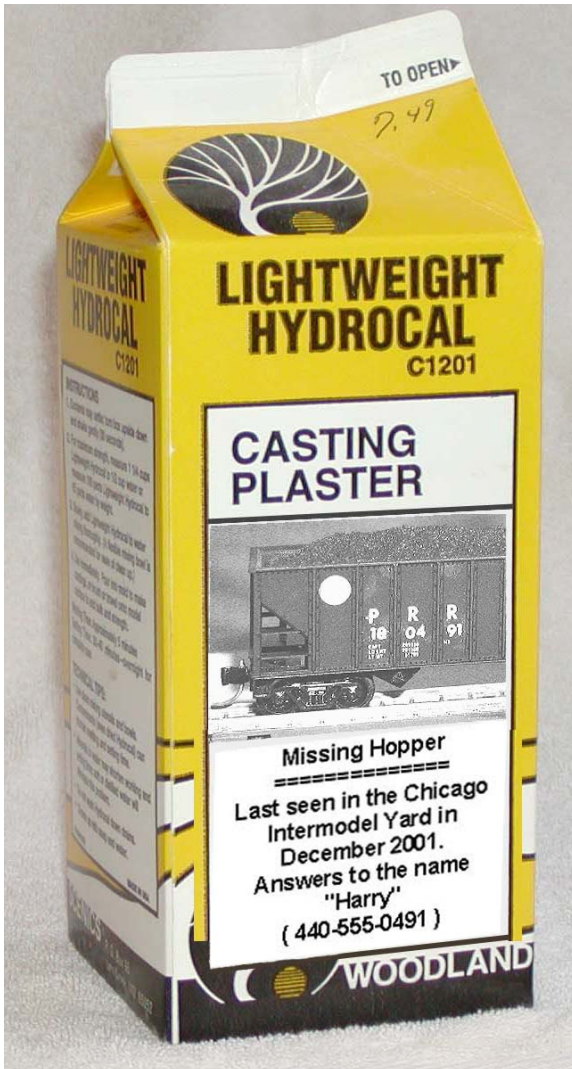


Lake Erie N Scale Society

January, 2002



Welcome!

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

Any time we have opportunities to 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 Event

We set-up modules at the FarmPark beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12. Running took place on each evening on December 13 through December 23, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

We had a sign-up sheet, splitting each night up into 2 two-hour shifts. There was some confusion as to who may run and for how long. Especially if you are a new member or not familiar with our policies, please refer to the guidelines (published at www.geocities.com/lensohio) before the next meeting. We will discuss this item then.

We successfully used the new throttles so we can do triple duty as question answerers, operators, and outside the layout security (which includes the constant removal of chairs and unending reminders to stay on the correct side of the Plexiglas.



This Month's Meeting

On January 25 we will meet at the home of Warren Lindner. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. There are two videos that should be available that evening; a tour of the Canadian Rockies and a tour of an N scale layout. (How's that for an example of one size to another?)

This would be a good time to recap the last two set-ups and discuss the progress we have made in streamlining the set-up process. Also, we need to finalize the plans for Willowick. Hope to see you in January. We could also view Warren's layout.



Next Month's Meeting

On February 22 we will meet at the Limbert home for our monthly meeting. As Chuck reminded me, he does NOT have a layout.

This will be our last opportunity to discuss the layout for the March Railfest (assuming we are invited.) On the same note, we will need to establish the set-up routine (modules, coordinator, etc.)

We will also remind everyone to review the guidelines for operating so everyone has a chance to run.

See you there!

*Map here please,
Denny...*

Ed

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Bachmann 2-8-0 Consolidation (1 & 2)

Just to let you all know, I got to play with the new Bachmann N scale Consolidation. You can stop worrying about scale and performance because for 100 bucks this thing blew my mind (and my Mikado off the tracks). Yes it does have a flywheel (small but it performs so well it doesn't need it). It has traction tires with two wheels powered (geared). All wheel pick up, except for the leading truck from looking at it. The tender is a beauty, very nice same design as Kato but different model tender. And the kicker of it all, the details I was totally blown away. Coupler cut bar, scale number boards (yes I said scale number boards), markers, yellow LED (thank god its not white), spare Rapido for the front to DH, handrails everywhere (and they are close enough to scale for me and I am a nit-picker). Runs like a charm; doesn't need a flywheel it runs smooth. Anyway just thought I would let y'all know.
-Tim

To disassemble the locomotive:

First take the locomotive and twist the tender with drawbar 90 degrees to the full left or right to free the drawbar from the locomotive. The drawbar is mounted to the tender by the front truck screw. Set tender aside.

Then, with small pliers or a screwdriver, loosen the grab irons on the back of the cab (I removed mine from the top near the window), leaving them attached to the lower part.

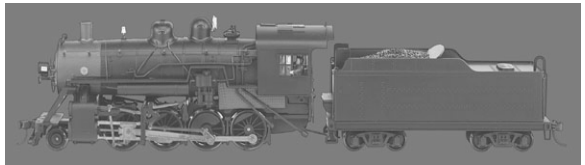
This frees the cab. Gently pry under the side of the cab to pop it loose and set it aside. After that, there is a saddle over the motor that easily comes off. set it aside.

To remove the boiler, it should slip right off the mechanism now. It is very similar to the Atlas mounting of a shell. I firmly, but gently grabbed mine at the firebox above the drivers at the rear and pulled upward. It should come right off with little trouble. Be careful with the handrails, they are very fragile, mine got destroyed (but were going to be replaced anyway being that I model the Illinois Central). Set this assembly aside. (NOTE: the piping and running boards are removable. The steam dome is also held in place by a screw. It is made of metal).

This is as far as I took my mechanism apart so far. I figured you might also like to know about the tender, it is very tricky. I am not going to use my tenders as I have to scratchbuild new ones for mine but I decided to see how it was put together (the tinkerer in me).

To disassemble the tender start with the rear truck screw. This holds the whole thing together believe it or not. Remove this screw and the truck and the tender deck and coal bunker piece should come out with some prying. The tank body and the frame are molded as one piece (which is great for us who like to superdetail our stuff).

I figure you can figure out the rest of the disassembly of this locomotive from here.



F.R.E.D.



See you at the next station!

Reminder

If you have surplus engines, buildings, rolling stock, modules, etc., bring them to any of the meetings to offer great deals to fellow members.

Our "Annual Swap Meet" is now available at every meeting!

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