

Lake Erie N Scale Society

August, 2003

There has been lots of talk, discussion, and argument in the N news groups about the Atlas code 55 track and MicroTrains wheels. Since the track is not legal for modules (although Peco code 55 is, since Peco “cheated”), I just want to summarize what was said about wheels.

First, the fact that MicroTrains wheels hit the spike heads on Atlas code 55 track is caused by MicroTrains not being in compliance with the standards. Atlas track does meet standard. This has lead to a large discussion of regular vs. low profile wheels. The overwhelming opinion is that low profile wheels operate better on track. It doesn't matter if we are referring to home layouts or Ntrak modules, the results are the same. Low profile wheels also perform better through turnouts (switches). Maybe that is why MicroTrains now includes low profile wheels along with “Pizza cutter” wheels in there newer cars. The most amazing news, however, is that the new Atlas low profile brown wheels not only look better but also out-perform the MicroTrains low profile wheels. I intend to purchase a pack and give it a try.

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 Event

...well here's a fine problem!

Denny and Lou are the editors of this month's newsletter. It's late in the week and we have just enjoyed (?) the largest power outage ever known! We need to get this newsletter into the mail, so no one will miss the picnic, and I am typing as fast as I can before the next "blackout".

Here's the rub... Denny was not at the last meeting and Lou came home from work and fell asleep (so he did not attend the meeting at Matt's house). We were supposed to discuss and decide upon a GATS show for November, in lieu of the Burton set-up. We don't know what went on at the meeting! (It's tough getting older).

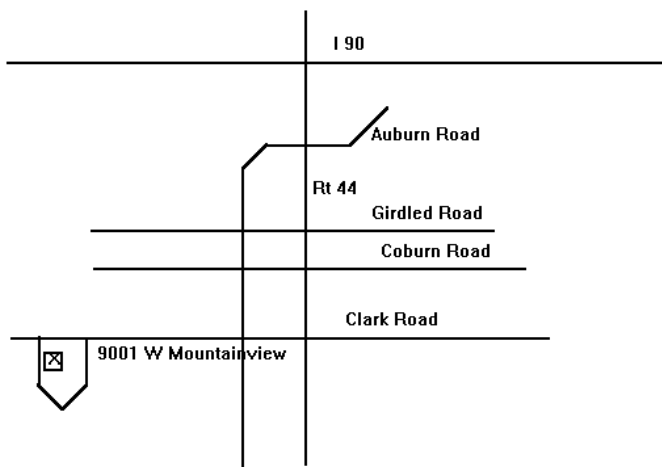
Speaking of GATS, we also have been invited to attend a GATS show hosted by KSONS (Kentucky Society of N-Scalers). They are looking for as many groups as possible, in order to create a large gathering of modules. The dates are tentatively January 10th & 11th, 2004 in Louisville. I suggest we discuss this at the picnic. We will need to tell them how many modules may be coming so they can complete their planning.

This Month's Meeting

It's picnic time again! Gather the family, possibly a chair, table service, your favorite item for the grill, a dish to share, and a beverage and head to the home of Sally and John Evans, to enjoy an evening of good food and great company.

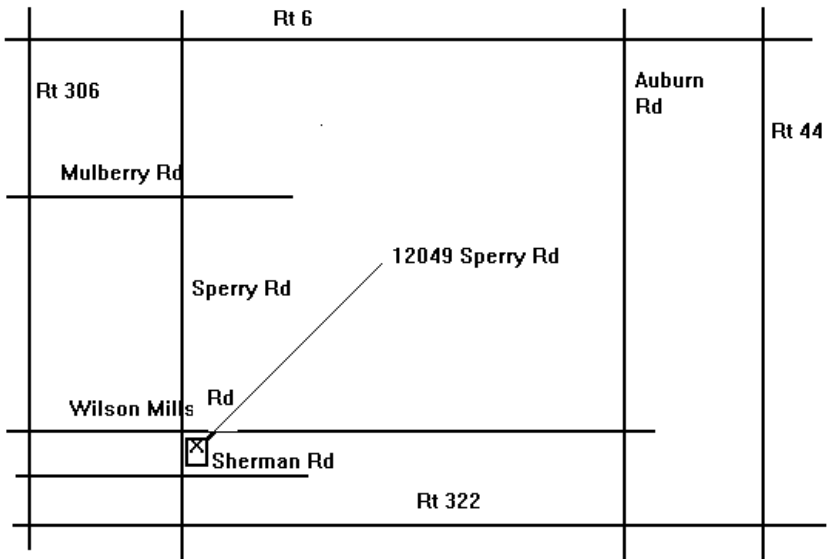
Saturday, Aug 16th at 6:00 p.m.

If you are not able to make it to the picnic, but will have a module or more for the Euclid Library set-up, please contact Lou or Dennis. Thanks.



Next Month's Meeting

Next month's meeting will be at the home of Matt and Barbara Kross in Chesterland. We will review the Euclid set-up and discuss the fall events. We usually have time for a video or a demonstration after the business is taken care of. See you on September 26 at 8:00 p.m.



Euclid Library Set-up

Once again, Rebecca McFarland of the Euclid Public Library, has invited LENS to set up our display in their community room. For those of you who have not set-up at this venue before, we are provided a large room with easy access, and a very co-operative staff.

As in the past, set-up will be on Friday night, starting at 6:00 p.m.; let's see if we can get it completed by 9:30 Any volunteers as "Set Up Co-ord"?

Running will be on Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tear down will begin immediately following the run time on Sunday.

This will be the last time we display at Euclid for awhile, so let's try to put up a large layout. We will need many hands for the set up and tear down to make things go smoothly.

This has been one of our better attended shows in the past. There are plenty of people that appreciate the fact we are there. We have displayed there twice before, and had a great time!

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Every now and again it is enjoyable to see what other clubs are doing. Here is a link to a California club with several sections including modules and merchandise for sale.

<http://www.socaln.com/group160/>

Looking at these sites provides inspiration, both for what we can do and what to avoid. For example, they are using rope barriers and stanchions for crowd control. I personally am glad not to carry around those items any longer. On the other hand, looking at modules, either live or in photos, always provides ideas to borrow.

As an aside, try the links page to deLuxe Innovations to see pictures of the wonderful new 45 foot corrugated containers they have available. By the way, that is prototypically correct to have only one corrugation between the posts at one end and two corrugations at the other end.



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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!