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N SCALE MODULAR RAILROADING

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First Class Mail

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!

The Lake Erie N Scale Society newsletter is published monthly for the sole use of its members by a crew of volunteers.

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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.

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Improving the Appearance of deLuxe Innovation's Roadrailers

The D.I. Roadrailers were under development for several years, making sure they looked good and ran flawlessly. Success was achieved in these areas. However, no matter how good a product is, there are manufacturing limitations that prevent perfection. Here are some additions and corrections I made to these units.

The only defect I could see was excess flash on many units. As you look at the front, the left side often has flash on the left corner. Remove this with an Xacto #11 blade and touch up the paint.

Panting details may be done before or after assembly. The bumpers should be the body color, not black. Painting white over black (I was modifying the Triple Crown Service units) is difficult unless you first apply a coat of gray primer. When dry, paint the white. If you are modeling the units in road service, with the bumper down, add the red and white striping to the horizontal part (ICC regulations.) The wheel hubs were white also, so I used the primer followed by the white paint again. Don't worry if the paint gets on the tire; a coat of grimy black on the outside of the tire will fix that. Additionally, there is a rim between the hub and the tire that should act as a boundary for the black.

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Last Month's Meeting

Another successful layout at the Farmpark is now history! Would you believe this was the tenth one we did there? At least that is what Andy Baker (Farmpark director) told me...

Each and every member that was able to contribute time for setup, running trains, "crowd control" or tear down, should be proud of the teamwork that made this layout a success! This was one of the best attended, smoothest setups we have had in a very long time. We weren't without the usual "glitch", but all-in-all, not bad.

Andy Baker wrote, and he says: *"...I wanted to thank you for the NTRAK participation in our Country Lights program. Once again we had a very successful program on top of a very successful year. I [also] wanted to touch base and make sure that the NTRAK folks are set for Railroads in the Park on May 1 and May 2. I can provide a 36 by 16 foot space for the NTRAK layout..."*.

He continues, *"...also been talking with Matt and Ken about the merit badge program. As last year, we would like to have some additional help with the small group projects... for the Scouts"*.

Finally: *"For Country Lights 2004 we will be opening on Friday December 3rd through the 23rd. The logical break would be between the 11th & 12th. That would give the NTRAK folks 12 nights which is one more than you had this year. Let me know if this works out okay. ...I'll probably see you at Railfest."*

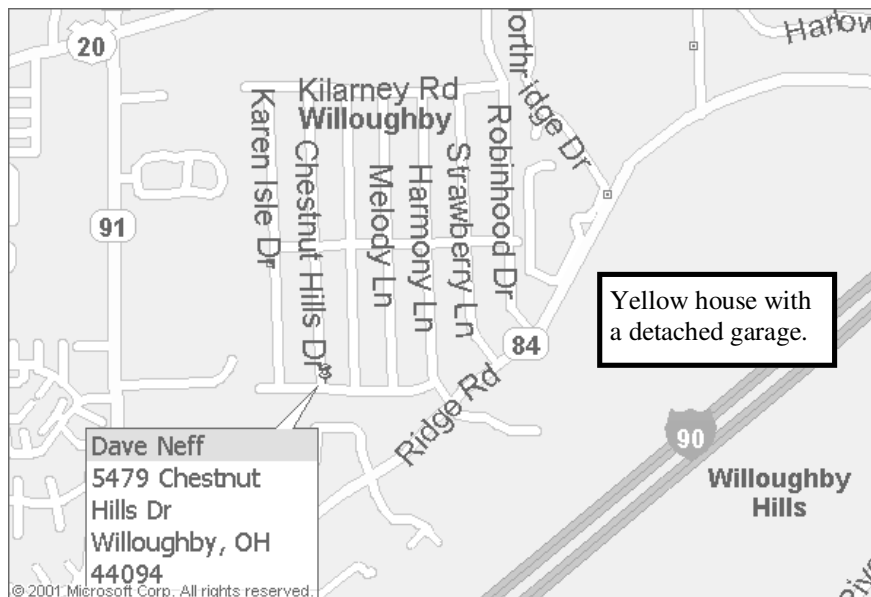
This Month's Meeting

January's meeting will be held on the **FOURTH** Friday (23rd) of the month at 8 p.m. in the home of Dave Neff (see map below).

Dave has a layout in process, and he has commented that Santa was kind to him. Come to the meeting to see what he means...

We will be discussing the recent successful setup at the Farmpark, along with the February setup at the Wickliffe Library. This will be the first time for this venue.

Perhaps we will see a video or run some trains. Come prepared to talk about what subjects or clinics would make good topics for future meetings. Hope to see you there!



Learning From Prototype

Don't forget the Wickliffe Library setup in early February! See the Layout planner on page 9 for details. Contact Denny Lloyd if you would like to display a module. Space is limited, so call early!

From the site:

www.trainweb.org/mccloudrails/Equipment/Boxcars.html



Bear Flat, CA, 5/2003. Uneven snow melt on the car roofs has a habit of gradually tipping the cars over. Here is one starting to tip. (Be glad this isn't happening to your house or car.)



Bear Flat, CA, 5/2003. This is one of several boxcars stored on the branch that are laying completely on their sides as a result of the uneven snow melt off of the car roofs. The great winter of 1992-1993 tipped over more than 20 boxcars stored on the Pondosa branch, as well as several more stored on the Bartle siding.

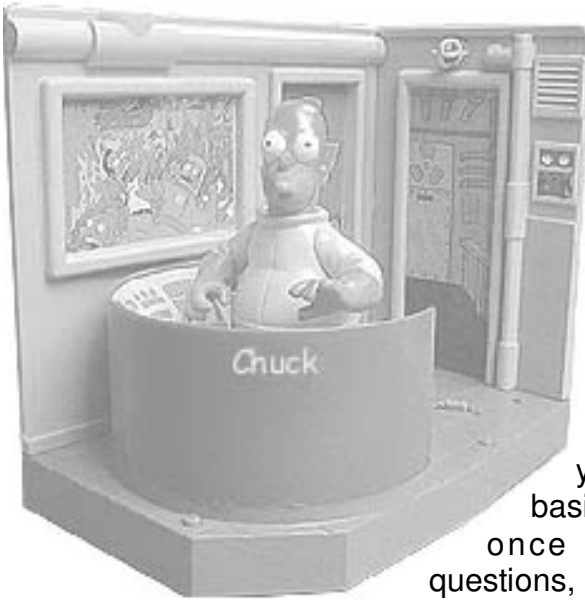
Both of these photos are from one of the subsites in www.trainweb.org. Included are sites on prototype railroads, model layouts, historical societies, traction, and others. It is worth a visit.

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

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

Next Month's Meeting

The February meeting will be held (starting at 8 p.m.) in the home of Chuck Limbert and his son Danny.



to share what

we learned (well, or otherwise!).

Usually we present a clinic, watch a video or have a discussion on an N scale related topic. Your suggestions will help us plan the content of meetings. Don't be afraid to suggest something you may think is to basic. Those us who once asked those questions, are now available

We will also review how the setup at the Wickliffe Library turned out, and make final plans for the layout at the LCC "Railfest 2004". Preliminary discussion regarding the setup and programs for the May Farmpark setup will also take place.

Don't forget to register yourself and maybe one or more modules, for the "Capitol Limited" convention in August!

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Layout Planner

Venue	<i>Wickliffe Library</i>				
Set up	Friday	2/13/04	6:00	to	9:00
Oper.	Saturday	2/14/04	9:00	to	5:00
	Sunday	2/15/03	1:00	to	5:00

Venue	<i>Railfest 2004</i>				
Set up	Friday	3/19/04	6:00	to	10:00
Oper.	Saturday	3/20/04	10:00	to	4:00
	Sunday	3/21/04	10:00	to	4:00

Venue	<i>Lake Farmpark</i>				
Set up	Friday	4/30/04	TBA	to	TBA
Oper.	Saturday	5/01/04	9:00	to	5:00
	Sunday	5/02/04	9:00	to	5:00

Venue	<i>"Capitol Limited" - 2004 N Scale East</i>				
Set up	Friday	8/06/04	TBA	to	TBA
Oper.	Saturday	8/07/04	TBA	to	TBA
	Sunday	8/08/04	TBA	to	TBA

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Happy new year N scale folks,

This has been something that I have been trying to do for a few years now with very little success. I have made three previous attempts and all have crashed and burned!

This time I figured it out and now have a very stable, very reliable video camera car. I have run this car well over a month now on my layout in many different consists and situations and it has preformed flawlessly.

I am theorizing that I am not the only n scale modeler that has been tinkering with trying to get a railview color video of my n scale layout, so I thought I would post my project in an effort to help others avoid my costly past mistakes.

The first file is low res and 1.78 mbs in size, see if you can spot the woodie with the surfboards on top!

<http://www.encinitas101.com/images/peder/trainlow.wmv>

The second file is mpeg 2 and is High res at 75 mbs in size for those of you with cable or dsl.

<http://www.encinitas101.com/images/peder/train.mpg>

I posted images of this project on the www.atlasrr.com n scale forum under the same title

Peder Norby

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Also, paint the landing gear side pieces grimy black. The locking bars on the door should be silver/steel in color. Don't try a paint brush. Go the art department of your favorite craft store and buy a silver artist pencil. Sharpen, and hold the pencil parallel with the door, coloring the locking bars with the side of the pencil. Use paint for the silver hinges.

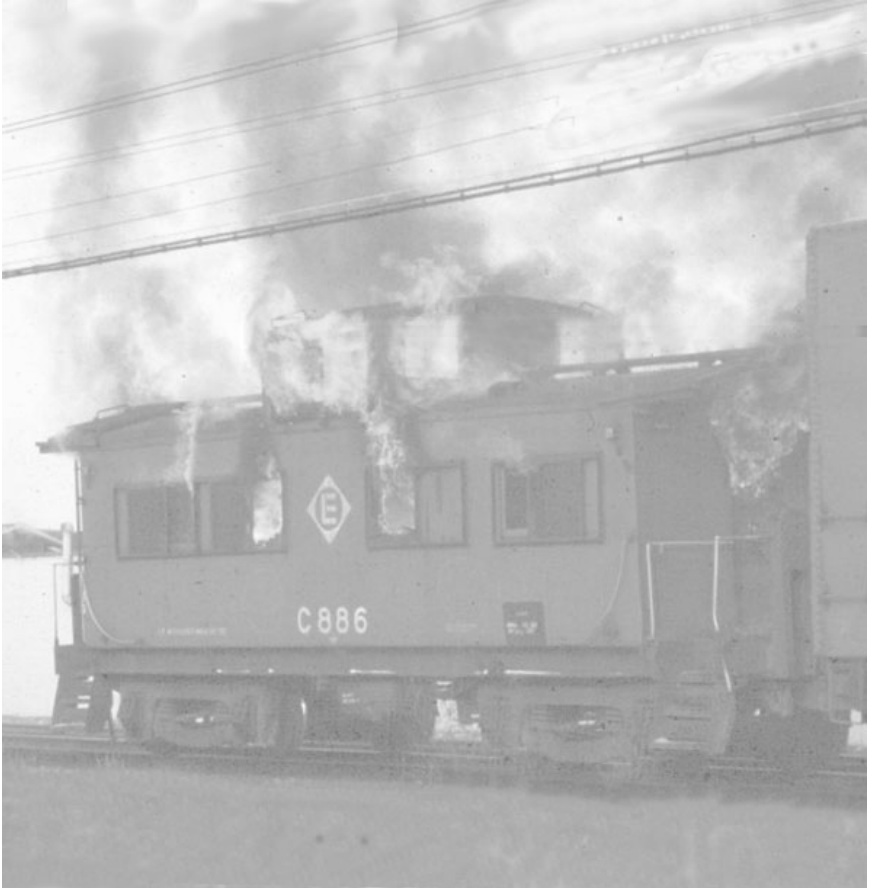


All that is left is to add lights. Use the decal sets listed below. The lights on these sets include the gaskets. There are 4 large red tail lights with

three small red rectangular lights above the doors. The model shows where these go. On the front, put two large amber lights on each side of the nose on the silver top piece, over the vertical rivet lines. On the bottom of the sides go one medium red light at the back bottom corner, and a medium amber light at the front bottom corner. These are found on Microscale sets 60852 and 604204. Also, add hazard materials placard holders to the rear door (left, above and just under the folded bumper) and on the sides, in the fourth wide panel from the front, even with the small logos. That all there is to it!

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See you at the next station!

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