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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!

www.geocities.com/lensohio/

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.

For information or questions regarding our Society, you may contact Dennis Lloyd at 440-352-7081 - or - (dlloyd@apk.net)

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

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June, 2004

This is the last newsletter!

...well, this may be the last newsletter you will receive in printed form. It is costing LENS about \$50. /month to produce and mail a "printed" newsletter. After conferring with the Division 5 of NMRA regarding their recent change, we are exploring publishing our newsletter on the web. (***Note: a valid e-mail address is required on our roster***).

An experiment was performed since the last meeting converting the newsletter to a .pdf format, and posting it on the Internet for 10 days. Those with e-mail addresses on record, were asked to view the sample and make comments. It was a successful test and we have enough technical talent in LENS to solve any problems encountered.

After discussion at the June meeting, we may be going to a web only version of the newsletter (with rare exception). Let me know your thoughts and opinions regarding this change. We will vote and the majority will rule.

Now is a good time to "clean" the roster. If you have not received e-mail from LENS recently, make sure we get an update please. If you must continue to receive a paper copy, contact Dennis Lloyd (see page 2) to let him know. ***If we have not heard from you lately and you do not respond , we will remove your name from the roster.***

Last Month's Meeting

The May meeting was held at the home of John and Sally Evans. This was a very busy meeting, with much discussion about many topics.

First, we discussed the logo shirts, hats, etc. Bob G. pointed out that we may have an alternative vendor for future orders—Lou D. will explore that possibility.

Second, we talked about the need to pre-certify any of the modules that will be going to the convention in Chantilly, VA. There will be a separate meeting for those folks soon with certification taking place.

Third, the topic of “incorporation” and “liability” was discussed. Several members voiced opinions regarding the necessity and complexity of those issues. We agreed that not enough information was available and some folks would explore the issue further. This is a topic that will be re-visited, as there was much discussion both pro and con.

Lastly, we talked about the possibility of making an electronic version of our monthly newsletter available online. It is currently costing LENS about \$50. per month to create a paper copy. Although there is a concern for security, it was thought that all of that could be worked out. We agreed to experiment with the technology and re-visit the topic later.

Update: see the story on page 3 regarding the test that was run and one person's opinion as to how things could be in the months to come.....

Learning From Prototype

Steam Runs through Ohio

The Canadian Pacific Railway's 2816 passed through Ohio on June 13th-14th on it's way back from this years cross-country trip which started in western Canada and run as far east as Quebec before heading back through Toronto and crossing into the United States. While the CPR 2816 ran through Canada with diesel support to provide backup, its trip through US had a SOU unit leading. The train overnigheted in Willard, before heading west to Chicago and on to some special runs in Illinois, Iowa (check <http://www.grandexcursion.com> for further details) during the remainder of June and July.

The 2816, formally known as the CPR Empress, is a Hudson class H1b (4-6-4 wheel arrangement) similar to BC Rail's Royal Hudson #2860 but older and not streamlined. Originally built by Montreal Locomotive Works in December 1930 and operated on Canadian Pacific mainline between Toronto and Quebec City until 1960, it was sold in 1964 to the Steamtown National Historic Site in Scranton, Pennsylvania but recently brought back into the Canadian Pacific. Initially the locomotive ran westward out of Winnipeg to Calgary and eastward to Fort William, Ontario (now part of Thunder Bay). Locomotive 2816 then moved into service on the Windsor-to-Quebec City corridor. Its last assignment was at the front of a Montreal-Rigaud commuter train, making its final revenue run on May 26, 1960. Having logged more than two million miles in active service, 2816's fires were extinguished. The 2816 went

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through a three-year rebuild to restore it back to the original specifications and external details from the 1940/50s.

(I have it on good authority that the engine stopped in Conneaut, OH, where a few rail fans had an opportunity to “get up close and personal”. -ed)



CPR 2816 runs through Port Hope, Ontario

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

OK—my friend Al Zeimer and I were thinking about the location for the July meeting, as discussed at the May meeting. As I recall, there were three different members offering to host the meeting. However, I can't remember what decision was made. So I turned to my distinguished colleague (who was a teacher and took good notes). He can't find the notes; something about, "his dog ate them".

I then appealed via e-mail for some help from those persons in attendance. As of press time (read that as "the last minute once again"), I had not received any answers that would lead me to know where the July meeting will be.

I do know the August meeting will be at John Evan's, who will again host the annual picnic on the fourth **Saturday** of the month. Oh well... see the next newsletter (sigh)...



Layout Planner

Venue	<i>“Capitol Limited” - 2004 N Scale East</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Event times</i>
Set up	Wednesday	8/04/04	Various / Multiple
	Thursday	8/05/04	Various / Multiple
Oper.	Friday	8/06/04	Various / Multiple
	Saturday	8/07/04	Various / Multiple
	Sunday	8/08/04	Various / Multiple

A complete schedule is available at..
www.bigtrainlayout.org/caplimited2004_timetable.pdf

Don't forget to register yourself and maybe one or more modules, for the “Capitol Limited” convention in August!
www.bigtrainlayout.org

VERY IMPORTANT!!!

*If you intend to bring a module, you must register it **NOW**.*

*Once you register it, there is a **CERTIFICATION** process that must be completed (in advance, or at the show) before it can be accepted for display.*

See the web site (above), or ask some of your fellow members for details.

[“web.page”](#)

One of the newer manufacturers for structure details is Tobias Locomotive Works. These folks currently produce resin castings for the interiors and roofs, of 5 of the Design Preservation models.

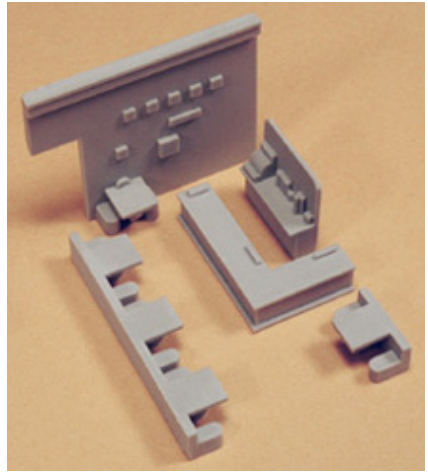
Now available are:

501	Bruce's Bakery	\$7.50
502	Hayes Hardware	\$9.00
508	Crestline Credit Union	\$9.00
511	Cricket's Saloon	\$7.00
512	Roadkill Café	\$8.00

For more pictures and details, visit them on the web at, www.tobiaslocomotiveworks.com.

Here are some photos of the interiors:





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See you at the next station!

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