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- ◇ We have been invited by Bob Kinsey to set up with the BURNS group in Berea—setup is 10/01(evening). He can be reached at keniakats@comcast.net or 440-353-0011.
- ◇ Mike Volker asks you to check out a 5 x 5 layout that can be found at <http://home.cogeco.ca/~rpaisley4/CircuitIndex.html> .
- ◇ The Cress' (of Arizona) are looking to purchase ORE cars for a loooong drag (100—150 cars). Their e-mail address is bg3@cox.net They say they miss us all since they moved.
- ◇ George Johnsen (of Deluxe Innovations) is creating a prome video about N scale. Lou D. has sent his 2000 New Jersey & 2004 Chantilly raw footage video tapes for possible inclusion in the project.
- ◇ We need to discuss what setups are coming up, and lock in both the dates and who will attend. Currently I don't have anything on the schedule except for next March!
- ◇ An abbreviated "module certification" process needs to be discussed and implemented prior to any future setups. As mentioned before, we discovered a lot while getting ready for Chantilly. Let's use that experience as a learning tool to improve our already excellent display.

Last Month's Meeting

The annual picnic was held in Chardon at John & Sally Evans' home. A good sized crowd enjoyed plenty of food and sunshine, and then the sky opened forcing the picnic into the kitchen. Thanks again to our hosts!

This Month's Meeting

Wayne and Bonnie L. have offered to host the September meeting at their home in Geauga county.

Although they have recently joined our group (they didn't know any better), I understand they have both been involved in the model railroading hobby for many years, albeit in the **H**orribly **O**versized scale.

We will be discussing where the next setup may be, what programs we will be involved in as we go forward, and your thoughts on certification as it relates to our modules.

Next Month's Meeting

October 22nd will find us at the home of Richard Feldman. Many of you know Richard as the "smiling face" that is present at some of our set up / tear down activities, as well as run sessions.

From his e-mail, I gather he has a layout and asks those of you having a Digitrax throttle, to bring it along for a run session to follow the meeting.

Paul Downs of the Kentucky Society of N Scalers (KSONS), has written to me via the web site and invited us to attend the GATS show in Louisville, KY in December. He doesn't care if we bring modules or not, he would just like to have more clubs gather at "regional" shows. Please discuss this at the September meeting and advise, so I can write back to him with our answer.

You may have heard of Paul in the past. One of the N scale mags (sorry—can't remember the title) has done some feature articles on Paul's L & N steam engines & weathering techniques. There was a rumor that he had done a school bus to take KSONS to the recent convention, but that proved false.

I attended Paul's steam engine weathering clinic at the convention and was intrigued by his work. He took away several awards at the Sunday banquet.

KSONS and the Dayton N Trakers have done several GATS shows together and have extended an invitation to us to join them whenever they set up. I talked with Paul and Don Kriegbaum at the convention recently regarding multi club setups. It sounds like it would be a lot of fun to attend.

THIS JUST IN—Jim Fitzgerald has asked the KSONS and Dayton to co-ordinate the effort to bring models to the layout for the NMRA July 05 convention in Cincinnati.

They are inviting clubs within a 500 mile radius to attend. The object is to put on a great display but not to attempt to set a record.

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