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Lake Erie N Scale Society



N-TRAK
N SCALE MODULAR RAILROADING

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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.

Opinions published here are solely those of the editor and/or the members of the Lake Erie N Scale Society.

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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Shown here are conceptual photos of a couple of ideas that were discussed at the Farmpark layout.

Dennis L. is willing to manufacture a LENS Club Car, in a **“one time only”** offering. He will purchase “X” amount of Corn Syrup tankers and decorate them (similar to that shown above). He is also willing to take an undecorated car from a member, and decorate it (similar to that shown below).

Contact Dennis L. if you are interested in acquiring one or more of these unique cars. Details and pricing will be discussed at this month’s meeting, and then offered via e-mail (call him directly if you are not on the list).



Last Month's Meeting

We were again invited to set up a display at the Lake County FarmPark. This year however, based on a discussion by the membership, we limited the amount of days that we would provide to 6 days. In the past few years, we have been asked to cover more and more of the available days.

Thanks to everyone that made the effort to help with the set up and/or tear down; this was one of the smoothest jobs in recent history. Also, thanks to everyone that signed up for a "slot". We were able to provide plenty of entertainment for the public with only a few minor problems.

CON-COR to Change Business Model



I have heard through the "grapevine", that the "boss" at Con-Cor is thinking of "pre-retiring" in about two years. Because of that, Con-Cor is going to change it's business model to only make a few new items each year, and concentrate on only those items.

My understanding is, the story will not show up in the various magazines for about 2 months. Read about their decision and much more on the web site:
www.all-railroads.com/whatsnew.htm

In addition, Con-Cor has decided to begin selling off most of its inventory, with deep discounts—as much as 75%! Read the details at this web site:
www.all-railroads.com/PreRet-1.jpg

This Month's Meeting

Bob V. has offered to host the January 28th meeting of our club. This may be a “meeting of the brave”, as Bob lives in the heart of the “snow belt”, and we are talking January here!

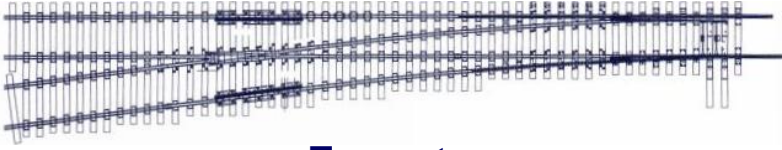
We will have plenty of topics to discuss as we review the past setups in Burton, and the Holiday setup at the Lake Farmpark. In addition, we will need to get started on the planning for our layout to be displayed at the NMRA Railfest at Lakeland Community College.

There has also been some renewed interest in adding another library to our schedule for February. As you may know, many libraries have not been able to host our layout, as budget cuts forced them to close on Sundays. Our requirements are at least two days open to the public, plus setup / tear down time.

Perhaps we will find a volunteer to teach a clinic or give a demonstration on some subject at the meeting. How about you? Is there something you would be able to present to the group, some photos to share, stories to tell? Please contact Lou D. or Denny L. to be added to the agenda.



Learning From Prototype



Turnouts

Ever wonder where turnouts (switches) are manufactured? You may be surprised to find out they are made right here in the Northeast Ohio.



Cleveland Track Material Inc. is a full line manufacturer of railway trackwork and components. CTM has manufacturing facilities in Cleveland, Ohio and Memphis, Tennessee to provide enhanced service to the Class I railroads,

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industrial and regional railroads and transits in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

CTM produces the most complete line of products of any track work supplier in the industry, including joint bars, compromise joints, bridge joints, paneled turnouts, crossing diamonds, frogs, switch points, rocker clips, slip switches, lap turnouts, and hook flange guard rail.



Their products are assembled in jigs and then put on trucks, flat cars or gondolas, for shipment to the customer's location.

~~Next Month's Meeting~~

Railroad Prototype Modelers Seminar - East (Sponsored by Division 2, MCR-NMRA)

Friday, 03/11/05, through 11:00 p.m. Saturday, 03/12/05.

Accommodations: Holiday Inn, Monroeville (Pittsburgh), PA, at \$69.00 per night. (412-372-1022 - Mention "Prototype Modeler's Meet")

Presentations planned covering prototype and modeling topics (rolling stock, locomotives, RR industries, prototype oriented layout design, and operations), steam-to-diesel transition and modern eras. Layout tours and operating sessions will be available.

For more info: Dick Flock, 337 Elm Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601, (724-850-8882)

Dayton N-Trak - Large "N" Layout (Requested by Division 3, MCR-NMRA)

Friday 11/05, and 11/06/05

Dayton N-Track will help Div. 3-NMRA (Mid Central Region) celebrate their 30th annual model railroad show. Div. 3 has reserved a 100' x 144' room at the Hara Arena for this event and we need to have as many modules as possible to commit prior to March 1, 2005. Our goal is have at least 106 modules (previous record was 105 modules), with an ultimate goal of 150 modules.

For more info: Brian Nietzer, (Bryan.Nietzer@wpafb.af.mil) or 937-253-8263.

Event Planner

Venue	<i>Railfest</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Event times</i>
Set up	Friday	3/19/05	Starts 7:00 p.m.
Oper.	Saturday	3/20/05	10 a.m.—4 p.m.
	Sunday	3/21/05	10 a.m.—4 p.m.
Tear Down	Sunday	3/21/05	4:00 p.m.

Venue	<i>NMRA MCR Regional Convention</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Event times</i>
	Thursday	5/12/05	T.B.A.
	Friday	5/13/05	T.B.A.
	Saturday	5/14/05	T.B.A.
	Sunday	5/15/05	T.B.A.

The folks who are organizing the 2005 T-trak layout at the 2005 NMRA convention in Cincinnati, are looking for a preliminary count of modules by next Wednesday (12/15/04). Contact Paul Musselman (PaulMmn@ix.netcom.com) if you are interested.

What's T-trak, you say? Check out details at:
www.ttrak.org

(*it's after 12/15/04, but write anyway if interested*)

[“web.page”](#)



Let's Get Loaded!



Let's visit the Hayes Brothers Garage (sounds like a show on the Discovery Channel.) They can be found at: www.haybrosgarage.com

These folks make lots of resin castings, including numerous freight car loads. For example, here are the loads for the new MicroTrains Ortner cars:



Next month should see lumber loads for bulkhead flat cars:

For a complete list, see their web site.

A partial list follows....

2007-01 GRAVEL LOAD MICRO-TRAINSORTNER HOPPER CAR
\$2.50

2007-02 LIMESTONE LOAD MICRO-TRAINS ORTNER HOPPER
CAR \$2.50

2007-03 FILL DIRT LOAD MICRO-TRAINS ORTNER HOPPER CAR
\$2.50

2007-04 SAND LOAD MICRO-TRAINS ORTNER HOPPER CAR
\$2.50

2801-06 SLAG LOAD BOWSER H21 / H21A HOPPERS
\$2.50

2801-06 CRUSHED SLAG LOAD ROUNDHOUSE 40' HOPPERS
\$2.50

2801-07 PARTIAL LOAD - IRON ORE BOWSER H21 / H21A
HOPPERS \$2.50

2801-07 PARTIAL LOAD - IRON ORE ROUNDHOUSE 40'
HOPPERS \$2.50

7004-10 CRUSHED SLAG ATLAS55T FISHBELLY HOPPERS
\$3.25

7004-11 LIMESTONE ATLAS 55T FISHBELLY HOPPERS
\$2.50

7004-12 FILL DIRT LOAD ATLAS 55T FISHBELLY HOPPERS
\$2.50

8701-01 SCRAP METAL INTERMOUNTAIN GENERAL SERVICE
GONDOLA \$3.25

8701-03 BALED ALUMINUM INTERMOUNTAIN GENERAL
SERVICE GONDOLA \$3.25

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