



Monthly publication of the

Lake Erie "N" Scale Society

"L.E.N.S."

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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!

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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.

Lake Erie N Scale Society

December, 2006

We are quickly approaching the end of another year. LENS has gone through many changes in the last few years, some good, some bad; some were happy and some were sad. Yet we continue to gather together as a group to enjoy a common hobby, the love of model trains.

You may have noticed the younger people are not as interested in “building something” as many of us were when we were younger. There are many different things available to occupy a persons’ free time now, but the days and years have not become any longer. Many of us had model trains as children and electronics simply didn’t exist.

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guidelines
state that
one of our
goals is to
further the
h o b b y .
Let’s all
keep that
in mind as
w e
progress



in our lives during the coming months. Take a moment to show a young person about the hobby and why it is as interesting to you, as a “Nintendo” is to him or her.

Last Month's Meeting

The November meeting is usually replaced by a set up of our display at the Burton, OH Library. This year we helped Bob V., set up his display (he has several modules of his own). Bob invited members to run trains with him, but warned that his modules do not strictly follow N-trak standards, so some equipment may not run well. However, thanks to Bob, the tradition continues!

Our group has been providing a modular layout for the citizens of Burton for almost thirty years. It has become a part of the tradition of the town to see us there to help kick off the holiday season. Although many years ago, the whole town came out to sing carols and enjoy the season, about the only thing that hasn't changed since then is we are still there running model trains.

We need to get more modules under construction (or finished, Lou; Anthony; Perry; etc!). If it's help you need, our group has a tremendous quantity of resources available . All you need do is ask...

Bob reports that the crowds were not very large but steady (as per usual for this venue), and everything ran smoothly for the most part. But, around noon, two members (to remain nameless) showed up to run and all three lines went "Kaput". After the initial trauma of their arrival was realized, everything went back to normal.

The folks at the library provided a stipend for the set up. Bob insisted it go into the LENS treasury - Thank you Bob!

Also, thanks to those members that showed up to run and / or help wth the set up and tear down. Your help is appreciated! **(THE PIE AT BELLE'S WAS GOOD TOO!)**

This Month's Meeting

December is another month that we don't have a regularly scheduled monthly meeting. This is due to the holidays and the very busy schedule of operating times at December's layout.



We have been invited once again to set up our display to be a part of the Country Lights event at the Farmpark in Chardon, Ohio.

This has typically been one of the toughest venues that we serve. There are “tons” of people, that come in waves (after the hayrides empty out). Although many of the visitors appreciate the layout for what it is, others are there for the other events at the park. This makes for a difficult time—lots of little fingers, and parents that aren't watching all of the time.

We also have to make sure we have enough people scheduled from our group, to have a full compliment of trains running during the scheduled times, for eight (8) straight days!



It is very important to have trains running on all three tracks, in addition to a couple of “watchers” on the outside. Try to set aside some time to join us (and run trains) at the Farmpark. *This display requires all the help we can muster!*

Next Month's Meeting

You are cordially invited to attend
the
January meeting
of the
Lake Erie N Scale Society
to be held
January 26, 2007

This “first of its kind” major social event will be held at the palatial mansion of Dave N. (of course he will probably forget to attend - he's been know to do that ya know; and if you didn't, now you do - but don't tell him I told you - ok?)

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Event Planner

	FarmPark	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Times</i>
Set up	Saturday (day)	12/16/06	1 p.m.
Event	Saturday (eve.)	12/16/06	5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Event	...thru Friday	12/23/06	5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
	RAILFEST '07	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Times</i>
Set up	Friday	03/16/07	7 p.m.
Event	Saturday	03/17/07	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Event	Sunday	03/18/07	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
	RR In The Parks	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Times</i>
Set up	Friday	05/04/07	7 p.m.
Event	Saturday	05/05/07	T.B.A.
Event	Sunday	05/06/07	T.B.A.
	Louisville "N" Convention	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Times</i>
Set up	Wednesday	6/25/08	T.B.A.
Operate	(from) Thursday	6/26/08	T.B.A.
Operate	(thru) Sunday	6/29/08	T.B.A.

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