



Lake Erie "N" Scale Society

"L.E.N.S."

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N-TRAK
N SCALE MODULAR RAILROADING

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.

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 - (denlloyd@gmail.com)

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

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The first newsletter I helped Denny L. write was in October, 1998. We used a version of Lotus Word Pro which made the process very easy to “publish” 7 pages with little else than text.

In the 10+ years since, I have worked hard to provide new and interesting monthly feature articles, and photos to make our newsletter informative and enjoyable. In recent years, I tried to add more color, along with photos and web site links.

In addition, the newsletter was changed to an electronic format so the majority of our members could receive the newsletter in color, while saving our treasury about \$50. per month.

As I have mentioned in the past, I don’t produce the newsletter alone, I have “behind the scenes” help. Without them, the job would be really tough to accomplish.

This will be the last newsletter I am writing. My life has changed in the last couple of years and I am electing to “move on” to other things . It is time for many changes including the newsletter. I hope those individuals that follow, will continue to enhance and improve the contents and the format in the future.

Good luck! I look forward to first issue of the new year...



Last Month's Meeting

There was no meeting in November. Instead, we set up in Burton, OH during the Thanksgiving weekend. Traditionally, we would set up, then re-convene at Belle's Diner for pie and coffee. This year, because Bob V. has so many modules, he produced that display by himself.

Bob would not however, turn down help with set up, tear down or running. Only three of our members showed up to help with those duties, and no one came to run except for Bob.



Frankly, that's disappointing because "Burton at Thanksgiving" is the oldest annual display our group is involved with, and the folks in that city really appreciate and enjoy it every year. - Ed

However, those members that were there, got the job done and enjoyed the traditional "Pie at Belle's"

Thank you Bob!

This Month's Meeting

For the last several years we have set up at the FarmPark in Kirtland, OH., and we have been invited to attend once again to help them as part of their Country Lights event .

Mark your calendar for set up and run times, as we have 9 solid days of time to fill, including some times early in the evening. There are plenty of opportunities to run and lately we have had trouble filling all of the slots. ***Come and join the fun!***

A sign up sheet will be available during the set up on Saturday (see the schedule - page 9). If you are not able to make the set up, you may contact Denny L. to reserve a time slot. Typically people have signed up for a two hour slot (early or late), but you are welcome to come anytime.

This is the toughest venue in regards to crowd control. We need extra hands during all time slots to stand outside the modules to "control the traffic, etc.". To run a train - save a slot; otherwise just show up to help.

Use the service drive to the west of the main entrance. Go past all of the parking lots, and turn left at the intersection. Entry to the building is through the office door off of the parking area. Walk through the offices and continue left down the hallway to the classroom area.

Please make an effort to help with this display. The concession stand may even be serving "mystery meat" sandwiches again!

(This is the continuation of an article that was published in the July 2007 issue...)

Books on Freight and Passenger Cars

I publish PDF format e-books composed for viewing on computer monitors. High quality photographs can be magnified for close examination. Printing by the user is fully allowed. The books are also searchable for specific words or numbers. Each copy is registered to the owner. The books can be opened with Adobe Acrobat Reader (5.0 or later) which can be downloaded from Adobe for free. Books are provided on CDs. Prices of e-books include shipping worldwide. The listing also includes some older e-books and print books.

Railroads:

- **Lehigh & New England Railroad Freight Car Diagram Book** (print book, 1993) includes 56 pages of rosters, photographs and diagrams. Charts show yearly quantities in service. Lists of passenger and maintenance of way equipment are included. \$18
- **Norfolk Southern Coal Gons 2005** is a pictorial roster of the Norfolk Southern coal gon fleet in 2005. \$15
- **Triple Crown Services 2006** (updated version) is a pictorial roster of the Triple Crown RoadRailer fleet. Triple Crown is a subsidiary of Norfolk Southern. \$20
- **Northampton & Bath Freight Cars** (print book, 1994) is a pictorial roster of this U.S. Steel subsidiary. Includes detailed drawings of their 1923 NYC design box cars and a map of the railroad. \$14
- **Philadelphia & Reading Freight Cars: 19th Century** (print book) includes 94 pages of rosters, photographs, diagrams and drawings. This is the only comprehensive work available

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on Reading cars of this period. \$25

- **Philadelphia & Reading Freight Cars: 1900 to 1914** (print book) includes 120 pages of rosters, photographs, diagrams and drawings. It includes exquisite scale drawings of 19 different freight cars done especially for this book. \$30
- **Southern Railway Car Roster** includes an illustrated roster of cars used from 1982 to 1991 and a guide to Norfolk Southern classification of Southern cars. \$20 (Replaces **Southern Railway Car Roster/Norfolk Southern Classification of Southern Cars**.)
- **Southern Railway Car Roster/Southern to Norfolk Southern Renumbering (2006)** covers the period from 1991 to present. \$15

Private owners:

- **Carbon Black Cars** (print book, 1990) and includes rosters, 15 scale diagrams and 48 photos of designs built between 1933 and 1989. This is the definitive work on carbon black and fumed silica cars. The majority were built by American Car & Foundry or Thrall. \$25
- **National Railway Utilization Corporation** (2006) explores the acquisition and liquidation of the NRUC fleet of box cars. \$25
- **Pennsylvania Power & Light Coal Cars** (2006) is an illustrated roster and also includes a variety of HELM and other non-PPLX cars currently used in PP&L trains. \$15
- **Railbox 2006** is a pictorial roster of the Railbox fleet since 1974. \$20

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Our "Annual Swap Meet", is 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

Mike & Mandee B. invited us to view their home layout, named the Grand River Railroad. They will be hosting the January meeting of our group on Friday, January 25, 2008, starting at 8:00 p.m.

At this meeting, we will be discussing the results of the FarmPark display and reviewing any problems we may have had.

This will be an important planning meeting, as we will be setting up at the Geneva Winterfest for the first time. We will need your input (and module/s) in order to plan and execute a good show. People attending this event may be similar to the FarmPark crowd, in that they stop into the hotel and then move on quickly (once warmed up would be my guess).

More info regarding Winterfest will be included in the next newsletter.



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Event Planner

	FarmPark	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Times</i>
<i>Set up</i>	Saturday (early)	12/15/07	1:00 p.m.
<i>Run</i>	Saturday (evening)	12/15/07	5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
<i>Run</i>	(through) Sunday	12/23/07	5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

	Geneva Winterfest	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Times</i>
<i>Set up</i>	Friday	02/01/08	7:00 p.m.
<i>Run</i>	Saturday	02/02/08	t.b.a.
<i>Run</i>	Sunday	02/03/08	t.b.a.

	Railfest '08 - LCC	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Times</i>
<i>Set up</i>	Friday	03/14/08	t.b.a.
<i>Run</i>	Saturday	03/15/08	t.b.a.
<i>Run</i>	Sunday	03/16/08	t.b.a.

	RR in the FarmPark	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Times</i>
<i>Set up</i>	Friday	05/02/08	t.b.a.
<i>Run</i>	Saturday	05/03/08	t.b.a.
<i>Run</i>	Sunday	05/04/08	t.b.a.

	Louisville "N" Convention	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Times</i>
<i>Set up</i>	Wednesday	06/25/08	t.b.a.
<i>Run</i>	(from) Thursday...	06/26/08	t.b.a.
<i>Run</i>	...(thru) Sunday	06/29/08	t.b.a.

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Car builders:

- **A History of the Center Flow (2007)** is an extensive, illustrated guide to this covered hopper design built by ACF and ARI from 1961 to the present. \$40
- **ACF Center Flow CF4600** (print book, 1994) is a fully illustrated guide to this particular covered hopper design. \$20
- **Evans Products Company Freight Cars** (older e-book, 2003) is an overview of the Evans Products family of companies and their involvement with freight cars. \$15
- **Evans Products Company Freight Car Roster Notes** (older e-book, 2004) is a detailed listing of freight cars built, rebuilt and leased by Evans Products and subsidiaries. \$25
- **Evans Products Builders Photographs** (2006) reproduces the James A. Kinkaid collection. \$25
- **Pullman-Standard Freight Car Production Including Predecessors** (older e-book, 2002) is a detailed listing of about 10,000 freight car orders from the 19th and 20th centuries. \$20

Related subjects:

- **Bethlehem Steel, Fall of 1995** is primarily collection of detailed aerial photographs taken of the Bethlehem plant

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taken just before the last blast furnace shut down. A map of the plant, photographs from ground level and railroad equipment photographs are also included. \$20

Upcoming titles:

- **A History of the ACF Center Flow** updates the highly prized book of the same title published in the 1980s. This book will probably exceed 1,000 pages and will cover designs, design evolution, production and dispositions in great detail. Release planned for April 30.
- **Center-beam Flat Cars** documents all Center-beam flat cars built since 1969. Release planned for later in 2007.

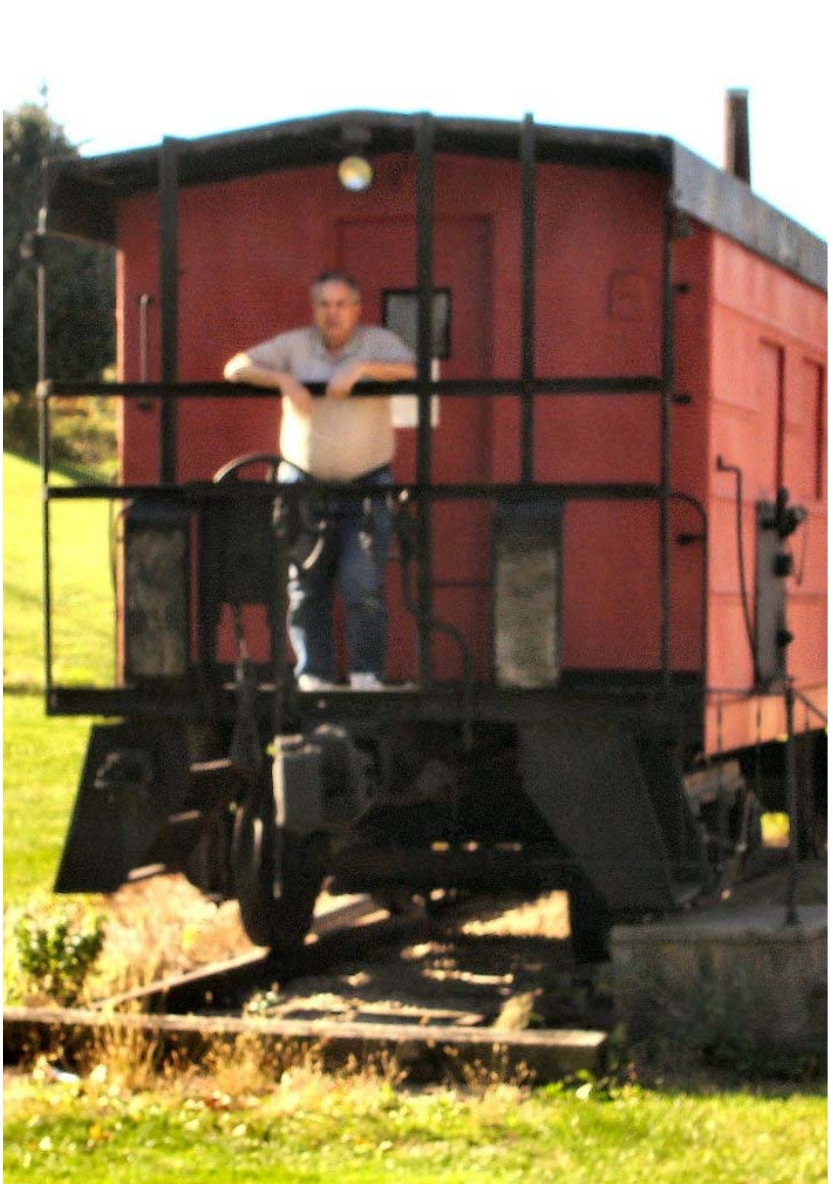
e-Books from other publishers:

- [Dave Casdorff](#) offers a number of products and a listing of recent freight car orders. Dave was the publisher of Freight Cars Journal in the 1980s and 1990s.
- [Darrell Sawyer](#) offers a number of products including some back issues of Freight Cars Journal and his line of Freight Cars Illustrated e-books.
- Books from other publishers:
- [The Union Pacific Historical Society](#) offers back issues of their magazine which sometimes include articles on freight cars. They also have a list of all articles on Union Pacific freight and passenger cars.
- [Signature Press](#) offers books on American Car and Foundry and Magor by Edward Kaminski as well as a series of detailed, well illustrated books on Southern Pacific freight cars by Anthony Thompson.

Submitted by Denny L.

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See you at the next station!

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