



Lake Erie "N" Scale Society

"L.E.N.S."

July, 2013

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N-TRAK
N SCALE MODULAR RAILROADING

Promoting model railroading since 1981!

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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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 7:30 p.m., the fourth Friday of each month.

July, 2013

National N scale Convention

During the week of June 25 Lou D. and Dave N. traveled to Milwaukee, Wisconsin for the annual N Scale Enthusiasts meeting. This is a 'morph' between the former N Scale Collectors and erstwhile NTRAK type module groups. Location was a Crown Plaza hotel very near the airport on the South Side. We joined approximately 450 attendees.

There were a couple of layout tours which we were too late to register for, as well as few other events – a tour of Walthers and Kalmbach Publishing, and a Friday night dinner train. There was also a tour to the Illinois Railway Museum in Marengo, IL, about 1 ½ hours ride away (<http://www.irm.org/>). Since we had a car, we did drive there.



An impressive display was seen featuring much trolley/interurban equipment, and several dozen railroad steamers and diesels; many under roof (nine huge barns) to retard further degradation to the elements. Highlights were a Mallet, a Northern, a complete Zephyr consist, and (outside) a complete UP Gas Turbine and
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Last Month's Meeting

No meeting was scheduled for the month of June. Rather, two work sessions were scheduled for members to contribute to the construction of the "end loops" project. Several people attended - the sessions were also used as a teaching opportunity .

This Month's Meeting

No meeting is scheduled for July. However, there will be a work session for the "end loops" project this coming weekend (Saturday, July 27) at Charlie T.'s house (a map will be attached to the meeting notice.) The work session will start at 1 p.m.

Charlie requests everyone park in the street, keeping the driveway clear (*thanks!*).

This is a great opportunity for members to hone up on their modeling skills and/or to learn a new skill. One of the benefits of membership in LENS is the amount of talent we possess, and the willingness of people to share their knowledge.

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Veranda. There were several passenger cars, including a 'string' that one could walk through; Lou attempted to take a video, strolling from car to car.



On the non-rail side, we toured the Harley-Davidson museum, and went to dinner at one of Milwaukee's famous - no, not a brewery, but the "Safe House" restaurant. (Secretive, so we won't divulge any more!)

Getting back to the convention; there were several modular layouts worth viewing, the best of which was the Milwaukee Modu-Group with a two-track 5 ft high free-mo like setup.

Perfectly and totally detailed - no rolling stock allowed that has not been weathered, and scenery materials from Scenic Express using Silflor and static grass.



The annual auction

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was, well, crazy as usual with collector folks spending ridiculous amounts for a given car. At the Swap-arama, most vendors handled Kato and Microtrains stuff. Dave did pick up 6 Atlas Code 55 turnouts at bargain prices, out of about 12 that the dealer (Neal's Engaging Trains) had displayed. Later in the morning, the remaining 6 were still available - yet another indication that this convention attracts far more collectors and modelers - or that the modelers already have code 80 layouts in place (many indeed do).



Friday evening was spent on a pleasant riverboat dinner cruise on the Milwaukee river downtown and then out into the bay. We sat with



a couple from Louisville who participate with KSONS, the N scale group there. Sadly, that group, so strong just a few years ago, has grown much smaller and less active, in part due to advancing age - which sooner or later catches up with us all.

Lou and Dave

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

LENS! Annual Picnic!

August 31, 2013

6:30 p.m. to ??? (Grilling starts at 6:30)

Traditionally we have a Pot Luck Picnic. Bring something to grill, and a Side Dish to share. Beverages are provided by the host.

Like any picnic, don't forget your plates, utensils, a lawn chair, a jacket, or anything else you care to bring. And, by all means, don't forget the rest of the family!

Al Loczy says the water in the pool will be inviting, so bring your suit and towel. Also, the ATV will be gassed and ready for rides.

Don't miss out on this annual social event. Mark your calendar today!

(4785 Baldwin Rd.. - Perry, OH 44057)

Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys

38033 Euclid Ave.

440-942-6632

Microtrains Dealer

You've seen Rob & Sandy at Railfest — why not visit their store in Willoughby when you get a chance.

Event Planner

	"End loops" Project Work Session	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Times</i>
<i>Work</i>	Saturday	7/27/13	1:00 p.m.

	Perry Library	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Times</i>
<i>Set up</i>	Wednesday	8/14/13	6:30 p.m.
<i>Run</i>	Thursday	8/15/13	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
<i>Run</i>	Friday	8/16/13	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
<i>Run</i>	Saturday	8/17/13	11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

	Annual Picnic	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Times</i>
<i>Cook</i>	Saturday	8/31/13	6:30 p.m.

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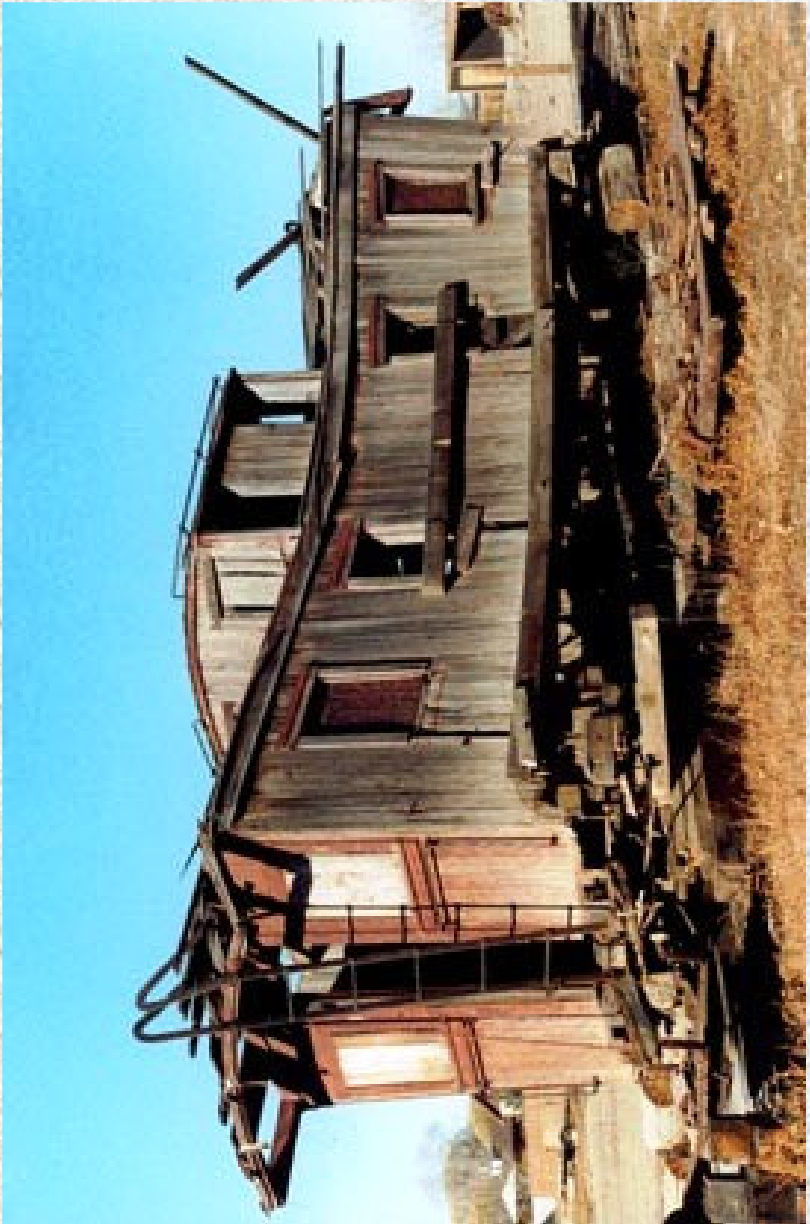
Joyce Ann Lloyd, 66, of Painesville, died peacefully July 8, 2013, after a seven-year battle with cancer. Born near Pittsburgh, Pa., in West Deer Township on Aug. 15, 1946, she moved to Painesville in 1969, and remained a lifelong resident.

Joyce was a retired educator who taught at Hale Road and St. Mary Schools. She also served as a librarian and worked with the elderly at several area assisted living homes.

She was an active parishioner of St. Mary Church in Painesville and served with the Brother Jacopo Fraternity of Secular Franciscans for over 20 years.

Survivors include her devoted spouse, Dennis Lloyd, whom she married on March 21, 1970; two children, Marianne and Richard; three grandchildren, sister, Marianne and twin brother. Joyce was preceded in death by her parents.

“F.R.E.D.”



See you at the next station!

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