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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.

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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.

Aug., 2014

SHORT LINE

- * Congratulations to the members of LENS that are also members of the NMRA Div. 5, for a successful completion of their 2014 National Convention (held in Cleveland). Their 3 years of hard work was worth the effort.
- * The Northern Virginian Ntrak club hosts the “Capitol Limited N Scale East 2014” in Chantilly, VA event every ten years. Four of our members (with two modules) attended earlier this month. They found it to be smaller than 2004, but the extra fare tours, clinics, train operations and social contacts made for a great time.
- * As you know, Jim Fitzgerald (one of the founders and head of Ntrak) passed away earlier this year. Bruce Alcock has taken over leadership of Ntrak, along with a committee that will continue the work Jim had been doing for over 40 years!
- * Immediately following the convention in Chantilly, Dennis L. entered the hospital to have a knee replacement. He is in good spirits (evidenced by his ever present quips and sense of humor). He will spend a few days there, then spend 2 to 3 weeks in a Physical Therapy Rehab faculty. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

“Short Line” continued...

- * LENS' annual picnic is coming up at the end of the month. It will replace the monthly meeting. This event marks the start of our “season”, although lately we have not been idle during the summer months.
- * **Note:** Change of day - the picnic will be held on the forth **SATURDAY**.
- * Our picnic will be at the Al, Al & Heidi L.'s home. The address is 4705 Baldwin Rd., Perry, OH 44081. (Note: Some GPS units have trouble locating this address. If you can't find it, call 440-725-7336, and we'll guide you in.)
- * **Note:** Change of day and week - September's meeting will be held on the **3rd THURSDAY**.
- * Pay attention to the above two notes. We want to make sure everyone comes on the correct day (yah, you - we know who you are!)



Roundhouse
B&O R.R. Museum
Baltimore, MD

Annual Picnic!

August 30, 2014

5:30 p.m. to ??? (Grilling starts at 6:00)

Traditionally we have a Pot Luck Picnic. Bring something to grill, and a Side Dish to share. Soft drink 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!

Also, there is a golf cart and an ATV gassed and ready for rides.

A map to Al, Heidi & Al jr's home is attached to the monthly newsletter announcement. Call Lou (440-725-7336) to receive directions if you have not received a monthly e-mail notification.

Ntrak

As mentioned earlier, Bruce Alcock has taken the reins of Ntrak because of the passing of Jim Fitzgerald. Prior to Jim's death, a committee was formed to handle what has become a huge organization, with many facets.



I remember standing with Jim F. at an Ntrak convention, looking out over the huge layout. I asked him if he ever imagined anything this large when he and Ben Davis started the Ntrak concept. He indicated what we were seeing was very impressive and beyond what he thought was possible.

At the 2014 convention, Bruce Alcock commented that Ntrak will not disappear. On the contrary; he and the committee have visions for the future. He was happy to listen to some concerns that LENS voiced, and looks for any thoughts that Ntrak modelers wish to offer.

So everyone is apprised of the changes to our hobby, he is encouraging everyone to subscribe to the Ntrak newsletter. The "electronic" version is \$5.00 / year. You can subscribe by going to www.ntrak.org, and clicking on the **Company Store** tab. Past copies are available to view using the **Newsletter** tab.

Next Month's Meeting

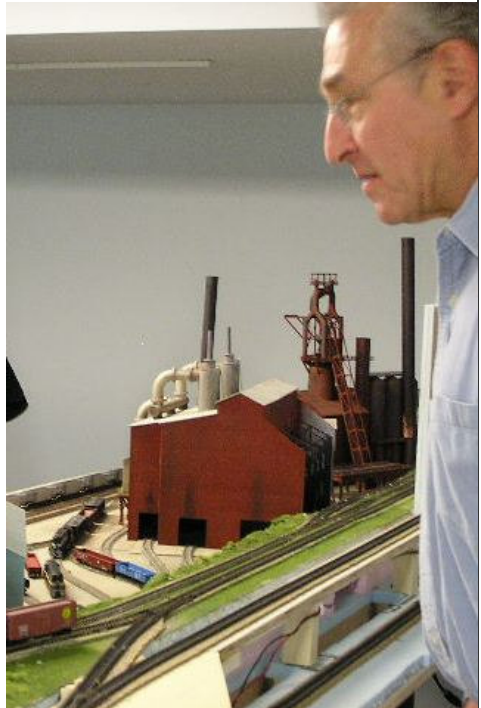
(NOTE: *Change of date for this meeting*)

September's meeting will be held at Richard F.'s house. We will be meeting on Thursday night (starting at 7:30 p.m.), September 18th (the 3rd Thursday of the month).

The annual picnic (August) is the "kick off" event of our season. September's meeting will be used to reminisce about this summer's events, and to begin planning for displays and events in which LENS will be involved. We need your input; your attendance is important.

Richard has a very nice layout that features a steel mill complex, at least one cityscape and many other features. He is set up for "operations", and has recently changed to a card system to make the building of a consist a little easier; this should add to the fun. Perhaps we can persuade him to give us a short presentation about how this system works...

Hope to see you there!



“F.R.E.D.”



See you at the next station!

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