



# Lake Erie "N" Scale Society

*"L.E.N.S."*

February, 2015

News and Opinions  
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and more!



## **Over 30 years of promoting model 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!***

[www.lensohio.org](http://www.lensohio.org)

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.**

## **Last Month's Set-up**

Last month meeting is the annual Winterfest held at Dave N.'s home. We set repair times to eliminate the kink on one of the return loop modules...We decided to display participation certificates and plaques from various national and/or regional events. We finalized the one-day set-up at Breckenridge in the Austin Room of the Osborn Community Center for February 21.

## **This Month's Meeting**

This month's meeting is at 7:30 at the home of Judson E. We need to finalize the Railfest event by discussing times and procedures for set-up, running, manning the sales table, and tear-down...Speaking of the sales tables, we will again have two tables available for the sale of your surplus items. You need to fill out a sales form and be willing to cover the sales table for an hour or more. Set-up and tear down are always easier with more hands so please help if at all possible.

## **Next Month**

The annual Railfest will be at Lakeland Community College March 14th and 15th, from 10 AM until 4 PM. We will have a shortened layout and need folks to run trains. Also, there will be sign-up for pre-paid lunches if you wish to purchase them. Also on Saturday there will be a chance to attend a dinner in Willoughby with a presentation on the Nickel Plate Railroad. See you at Railfest!

## From the Internet

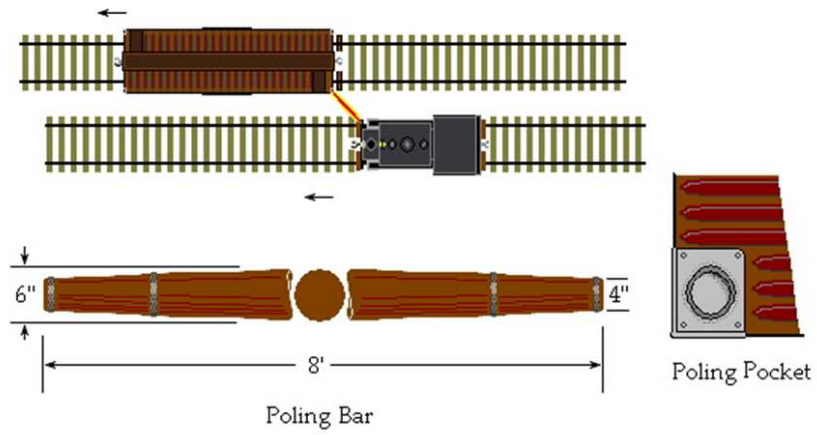
A suggestion was found for drilling through thin plastic attached or not attached to wood. Try running the drill in reverse to cut down on the chance of chipping or tearing the plastic.

## From the Prototype

Did you ever wonder what those dimples were on the end corners of older freight cars and locomotives? Those are poling pockets.



Poling pockets were used as an alternate way of moving cars without coupling the engine to the car. A end of a wooden pole would be placed in one pocket of the car and the other end in a pocket of the engine (which was on an adjacent track) to push the car into position. This practice was discontinued by most railroads in the 1960's.



The practice of poling was dangerous. If the pole snapped it could injure workers and damage equipment .






# 2015 Railfanning Days

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**Saturday, July 25, 2015**  
**Sunday, September 13, 2015**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2015**




**10:00 am to 5:00 pm**  
*Be sure to bring your Camera and a CHAIR!*

Food and Drinks available  
 216-905-0198  
 prrm@att.net  
 www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org






# Railfest 2015



Saturday and Sunday  
March 14 & 15, 2015  
10 am to 4 pm  
Buy - Sell - Trade



## Lakeland Community College

Kirtland, Ohio 44094

State Rt. 306 at Interstate 90 - exit 193

### Operating Layouts

N Scale Layouts  
4-6000

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10-10000

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Association

Lionel O Gauge  
LGB G Gauge

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Lake Shore Live Steam

### Features

Classes

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Exhibits

Operating Layouts

Video Tapes  
Historical Displays  
Train Rule Info

Food Service  
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**Admission \$7.00**  
Two Day Pass \$12.00  
Family (couples) \$12.00  
Family (max) \$12.00  
(Adults with Children under 18)

Food Service Available at reasonable prices

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