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# Lake Erie N-Scale Society

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# Promoting Model Railroading For Over 40 Years

Welcome! LENS is a group of people with a common interest in modeling N scale railroads using NTRAK and TTRAK modules. 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!**

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 organization. This publication is intended to be a monthly newsletter describing the business, events and the common interest in N scale model railroading enjoyed by its members.

For information or questions regarding our Society, please visit our website by scanning the QR code or visit us at

[LENSOhio.org](http://LENSOhio.org)



# Model Train Websites

As most of you are probably aware, ModelTrainStuff.com (MTS), aka M.B. Klein, is no more. Unfortunately, with the bankruptcy of its parent company in the U.K. MTS followed suit. But as of writing, the website for MTS states, “Model Train Stuff will return.” With the loss, however, some may be left wondering what other retailers they can visit for their modeling needs. Thankfully, there are many online retailers still available. Here is a short list that the editor likes to use or has used in the past:

## 1. Trainworld.com

- Huge retailer like MTS, tons of items in all scales.

## 2. Trainz.com

- Has a great used section under the N scale Preowned/Collectables.

## 3. MidwestModelRR.com

- Retailer some youtubers use. They give out discount codes on their channels, such as Ron’s Trains n Things and IMRR.

## 4. TonysTrains.com



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# EVENTS

With winter wrapping up we are coming into our busy “spring” show season. As of now we have three events listed in March, May, and June, those being:

## **1. Railfest**

- Will be at its usual location of Lakeland Community College, March 16-17th from 10am-4pm. The show will be open to the public. LENS will be setting up on Friday the 15th for N-Trak and T-Trak. Times for set up TBD.

## **2. Mentor-on-the-Lake Library**

- May 3rd-4th LENS will be displaying both N-Trak and T-Trak for the first time at the MOTL Library. Times will be similar to the Thompson setups. Setup being the morning of the 3rd and tear down being the afternoon of the 4th.

## **3. Railroads in the Park**

- Will be the first weekend of June, as usual. The dates are June 1st-2nd with setup happening on May 31st, time TBD. **Also, we will be staying an hour later on Sunday the 2nd** for a group with special needs to have a private viewing of all the trains available. So please, **if you are unable to stay the extra hour, reconsider having your module in the layout for this event.**

# T-Trak Special

For those that may have missed Ray N.'s email about the T-Trak modules and would like to save some cash, please know that T-Trak by Denniston is having a March Special. For orders of two or more T-Trak modules free shipping will be included on the order.

To get a price list of modules email [dennind@gmail.com](mailto:dennind@gmail.com). Ray also said in the email to “order early or you will wait a long time to get your kit because he will be busy making others.” It doesn't seem like there is a website to visit, so the best way to get your kit will be through the email listed.

## February Meeting

**Where:** Hambden Townhall, 13887 GAR Hwy,  
Chardon, OH 44024

**When:** February 25th @ 1:30 pm

**Zoom:** Yes

**Topics:** Railfest and sales table, Div. 5 Grant, Club N-Trak yard modules, Future events, and Weathering clinic by Cody C.

**Hope to see you there!**



See You At  
The Next  
Station!

**F.R.E.D**