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***KSONS Scheduled Arrivals (and Train Shows)***

*Visitors are welcome at all KSONS meetings*

***At the Platform:***

**August 13th.** Business meeting at Dawn and Jakob's house. 9008 Cherriville Road, Louisville, KY, 40219. 7:30 PM. Bring some chairs. See directions in newsletter.

**August 30th:** Model Train Show and Railroadiana Show and Swap Meet. General Butler State Resort Park Conference Center, Carrollton, KY. 11 AM to 5 PM. T-Trak layout to be on display.

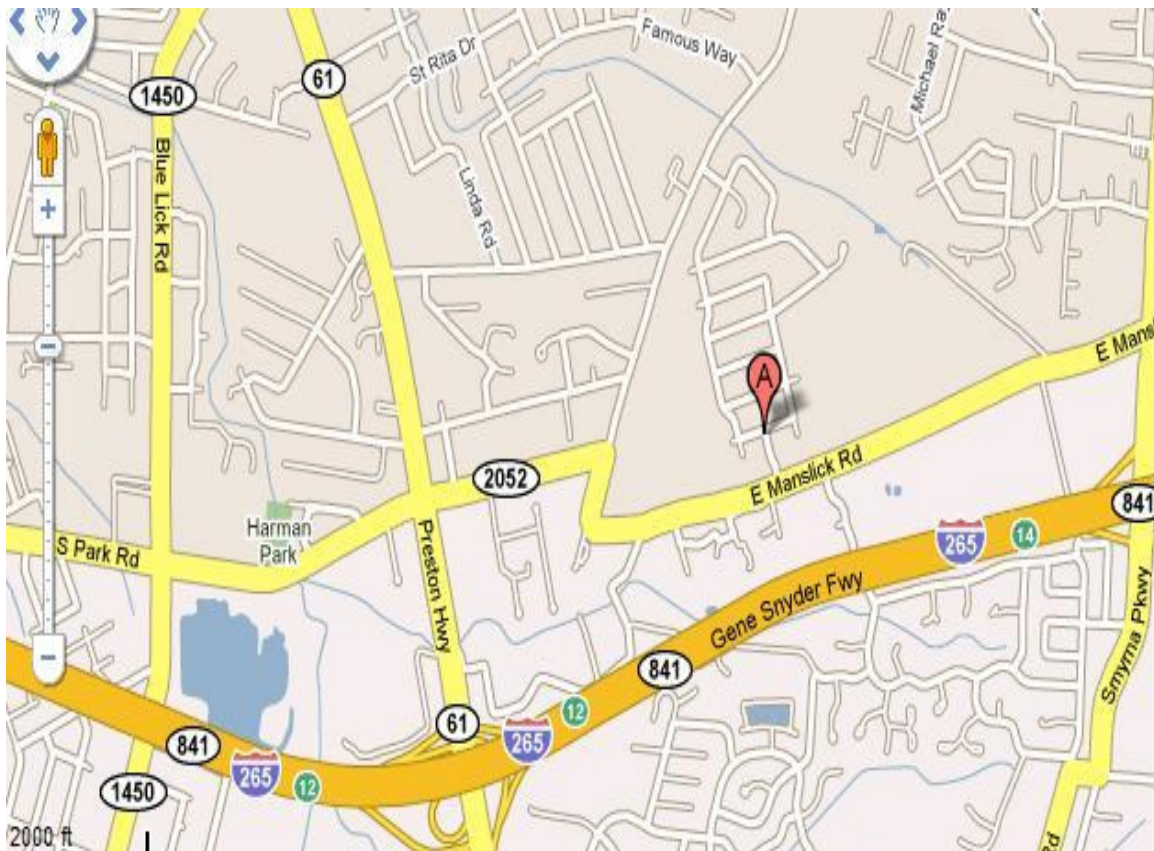
***Down the Pike: KSONS Scheduled to Appear:***

**September 26th to October 3rd:** N-Trak layout display at the New Albany Public Library.

***Other Shows/Events:***

**September 26 and 27.** Great Train Expo. Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, Indiana.

**April 30 to May 2, 2010.** Second Annual Ohio N Scale Weekend. Franklin County Fairgrounds, Hilliard (Columbus), Ohio. Presented by Central Ohio Ntrak. [Http://www.centralohiontrak.org](http://www.centralohiontrak.org)



*On the Cover: Back to Paducah again. Well, okay, we're in Princeton Kentucky, about 40 miles East of Paducah. One of P&L's "new" GP-40 stands in the consist, already numbered. Awaiting paint. Joe Martin Photo.*

### **July Meeting Minutes**

The July KSONS meeting was held at John Voller's home on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Kevin Rose presided aided by his son Wyatt.

It was good to see Bob Kuchler back at a meeting. Bob brought along an HO water modified for N scale use and an outstanding diorama of a circus train unloading.

The June meeting minutes were accepted as published. Dawn Jewell gave the treasurer's report. The old account has been closed out and all money transferred. All convention business has been closed and only small outlays for Bridge publication and distribution were made.

Mark Hedge is still pursuing the building in Jeffersonville as a possible permanent meeting place, although there is no progress to report this month.

The open house at John Voller's for the 18<sup>th</sup> of July was discussed. From 11:00 to about 5:00 we will be running trains, watching backdrop and decoder clinics and generally having fun.

There were no items brought up in new business.

Kevin mentioned some electrical issues on the modules at Buckner as an opening on the need to re-establish work sessions.

Upcoming shows begin with the train show at General Butler State Park near Carrollton, KY. Our layout at the Floyd County New Albany Public Library will be from September 26 to October 3. There will also be a Great Train Expo in Indianapolis on the opening weekend of our library show.

Our future meetings are as follows: Dawn Jewell will host the August meeting; Jerry Harris will have us over in September and Pat and Alicia Hardesty will host in October.

Our Christmas party planning is about to get underway. Dawn Jewell agreed to plan it and Bobbi Hedge will help her out. It's too soon to have details, but Buckhead on the river was an early favorite.

A short roundtable followed and the meeting was adjourned in record time. We all went in to enjoy John's layout and desserts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phil Minch, Secretary

## **Editor's Notepad**

Okay, so I whined and cried like a baby because my fingers were too big to work the decoders during the open house. But I had fun. Thanks Kevin for doing the clinic on decoders and thanks to Josh Caudill and Gerald Hensel for helping me do my other three units.

And thanks to John for hosting the event and doing the backdrop painting clinic. I did not count the attendance at John's today (the 18th), but I thought it was okay. Not great, but okay. I thought more would have attended. Oh well.

We need to do these more often. I think Kevin said that, so I'm stealing his thunder since he has yet to send me a dispatch for this month. We can always do something like this on a Saturday at a member's house, Buechel Station (if we can get it), or, worse case, Buckner. So think about it this fall. And now, on with the show.

### **The Historic Little Blue House Sort of a review by Phil Minch**

I am in the process of building a kit that you may have seen for sale at SRI or the Division 8 train show. I speak of the Historic Little Blue House of LaGrange, Kentucky. The house was built in 1838, restored a few years ago and now serves as the city welcome center. The model was made possible by the Ohio Valley Railroad Historical Foundation and was manufactured by Mountaineer Precision Products. I bought it because it has many of the same architectural features as a house in a 1913 photo of my grandfather. This was a postcard sent by Southern Railway RPO to his wife to be.

Since I am in the middle of building this model, I can't make a complete review, but I'll give a few impressions. First, MPP has done a magnificent job with the laser cutting process in this kit; with the instructions, not so much. The first indication is in the title on the instruction sheet where it says in 36 point type "HO SCALE." Ever since you were a little kid, I'm sure you were told to read the instructions first. That goes double for this one since many steps include a short sentence at the end telling you that the N scale model construction is different from what they just told you.

There are also many "skipped steps" in the instructions. You must rely on a close examination of the drawings and photos to figure out what goes where. Sometimes this is simple, sometimes not. For instance; the instructions point to an illustration to show how the window parts are assembled and go on to say "the doors assemble in a similar fashion." I'll tell you right now that you haven't had fun until you've assembled a four part N scale window. That does make it possible to have some windows open. The drawing applies only to the three full size windows and you have to figure out where the smaller ones go on your own. Fortunately, all the door and window parts are laid out in a logical fashion on a piece of laser cut cardstock. If you cut out the

adjacent parts, you have the parts that go together. The doors pieces are cut to be layered together in assembly. This makes a very nice looking door.

It's too early to give an estimate of time to complete this kit. Your mileage will vary depending on how much time you spend looking at the many small parts and the photos. Please spend some time considering what tools you will need for applying glue and manipulating parts into place. Dental tools and cross point tweezers are serving me well. I will have to spend some future time considering where all the trim pieces are to be installed and how to apply the peel and stick roofing so that I don't run out. The chimneys are something you may want to put some extra thought into. They are short pieces of square acrylic material. They don't take my Polly Scale very well, but when complete I'll be able to look down through the chimneys into the structure. A clever modeler could have a glowing fire visible through them.

While I would really like to have a diagram telling me what all the parts are supposed to be, I will be able to make a nice looking model from this kit. If I have pieces left over, well so what, that's what your parts bin is for. And I'm not painting it blue.

### **Traipsing in Paducah, Day 3**

Day 3 consisted of traipsing around the Dams. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate. I was able to hear some radio chatter, but could not find the train. This also worked, for I did some recon around Calvert City. After about 45 minutes, it was back to the Hotel Driskill\*.

Around noon, I decided to head back to Paducah, mainly to get some stuff for a family dinner that night. This time, I decided to take some stills from around the yard. I did catch a BNSF train waiting in the yard. SD70MAC 9618 in the executive scheme followed by ES44DC 5790 in Heritage 3 scheme was on the point of the train. The DPU was 6213 (I took a picture from outside the car window. It's at an angle, kind of like the camera angles they had at the enemies' hideouts on the old "Batman" series). I could not get an ID on 6213.

After looking around for photo ops (I also got some of the P&L units at the diesel service facility), I thought I would go over to the Paducah Railroad Museum to see if they were open at all. I made it over there, and someone was on the porch. I got up to him and asked him if they were open. He said no, but some members of the Paducah Model Railroad Club were working on the layout and were entertaining a couple from North Carolina. I told him I was heading back to Louisville tomorrow and could not make it for the regular time the museum was open. He let me in, and I got to see the club's layout and some of the museum pieces that were different from my last visit.

I spent about an hour or so there, and was starting to head out when I decided to check the yard one more time. Nothing in the yard, but I did notice a coal train heading out at the old Wal-Mart switch. I decided to follow it. This was a CN/IC coal drag. The second unit was #1008, one of the few remaining ex-IC SD70s. I sped ahead of the train and caught it going across a

small trestle. The thing was going to slow, and it was a pain for my arms and hands filming the whole thing. But that ended three days of successful train chasing.

Even though I did not see the P&L in action (except for 3807 switching), seeing the other trains in action was worth it, especially catching the ex-Illinois Central units. Trains are where you find them. And find them in lots was well worth it.

*\*Hotel Driskill: Reference to my Aunt's house in Smithland, KY, Northeast of Paducah and only a few miles from the Kentucky Dam.*

### **Directions to Dawn and Jakob's House**

Exit Preston Highway at the Snyder. Go North. Go past the light at Meijers. At the next light, turn right onto Manslick Road. Follow it to Three-way Stop sign. Turn right. Follow road on curve to left. Cherriville is actually the first left about a quarter mile or so from the curve. There are several new subdivisions on the right. Once you get to Cherriville, the driveway is the first on the left.

### **Your KSONS Board**

*Please call on us!*

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The electronic version of *The Bridge* is now available. It will be available on the website. If you do wish to receive the newsletter electronically, please contact Joe Martin as soon as possible. If you do not want a paper copy sent, please let Joe and Bruce Goreham know.

## Join The KSONS!

Membership in the KSONS is open to anyone who is or wishes to become actively engaged in N scale model railroading. Dues for Full Membership are \$50 for one year and should be included with your application. Affiliate Members (non-voting, \$25.00) are available to a Full Member's immediate family and those under 18. Applicants under 18 must have an adult sponsor who is a member of KSONS.

With over 35 N Scale modelers, the KSONS are dedicated to the advancement and enjoyment of N scale model railroading. Business meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month in the Louisville and Southern Indiana area. Public shows are held at various times throughout the year, including the shows held at The New Albany-Floyd County Public Library in the spring and fall and the Christmas Gift and Décor show in December at the Fairgrounds.

The KSONS are leading the way in the Louisville area with digital command control (DCC), a switching yard almost  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a scale mile in length, 100+ car trains, and award winning models and modules.

### KSONS Membership Application

C/o Paul Downs, Membership Chair  
209 Gibson Road, Louisville, KY 40207  
(Enclose a \$50 check made payable to KSONS)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Time in N scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own a Module? \_\_\_\_\_ Roads/Eras modeled: \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in: Shows? \_\_\_ Work Sessions? \_\_\_ Operating Sessions? \_\_\_ DCC? \_\_\_

\_\_\_ N-Trak Modules? \_\_\_ Models? \_\_\_ Scenery? \_\_\_

T-Trak Modules? \_\_\_ FreeMo N Modules? \_\_\_ Home Layouts