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KSONS Scheduled Arrivals (and Train Shows)

Visitors are welcome at all KSONS meetings

At the Platform:

February 11th. Business meeting at Buechel Station. 7:30 PM. Don Smith hosting.

Down the Pike: KSONS Scheduled to Appear:

March 27th. Division 8 Train Show and Swap Meet. Bardstown Road. T-Trak if room. Josh and Joe with T-Trak modules.

April 10 and 11: Great Train Expo in Nashville.

Throughout the Spring and Summer: T-Trak will be on display on some Saturdays at Scale, weather permitting. Check with Joe or Josh.

October 29th to November 6th: New Albany Library Show. Craig Sawdo coordinating.

Other Shows/Events:

February 20th. Swap meet at the old L&N Depot and Historic RailPark, Bowling Green, KY.

April 30 to May 2: 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)

June 24th to 28th: N Scale National/NSC Convention. Houston (Sugarland), Texas.

July 11th to 18th: 75th Annual NMRA National Convention and National Train Show. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

September 24th to 26th: 2010 National N-TRAK Show and Danville Old 97 Rail Days, Danville, VA. Website:
<http://www.trainweb.org/nrmrc/2010show/index.html>



On the Cover: I forgot to take a picture of Jim and Mike's airfield module. If you guys can do that for a later issue, please do. In the meantime, the weekend after GTE was nice and warm, so I caught some Louisville and Indiana units switching in Jeffersonville, IN.

**January 2010 Meeting Minutes
Buechel Station
January 14th, 2010**

The meeting began at 7:31 PM with Assistant Superintendent Mike Wingfeld conducting the meeting in Kevin Rose's absence. There were 17 members, one guest, and one new member. Mike did not have a formal agenda, so we just talked along general lines.

Dawn Jewell was not available to present the financial report. The December 09 minutes were approved as presented.

Under old business, Rick Maloney found a Digitrax Chief system, but it could not be used because the system could not take an address. As related to the power box, there is a battery that is bad in the box. Rick plans to fix that as well as possibly fix the analog throttles that overload so easily. He also took an inventory of the analog throttles. We have at least five of them. They are hooked into the back of the box and are tethered so operators can at least be able to move around near the box.

Speaking of throttles, the Board was to look at acquiring a few of the Digitrax UT4-R throttles. Hardly anyone knows how to operate the DT-100s and the DT-400 that belongs to the club is really needed to be available for operators to program their locomotives. Joe Martin made a motion authorizing the Board to explore and possibly purchase some throttles, which was approved by the members.

And speaking of the digital system, there was a follow up discussion from previous meetings regarding getting the UR 92 Duplex receiver. Tests have proven that the radio signal on the simplex system is not compatible with the duplex system, and vice-versa. Tests also have proven that the system can handle both the simplex and duplex receivers. Further discussion on this issue is ongoing.

The Great Train Expo show was discussed. John Voller gave more or less a quick After Action Review. We had a 30 foot by 60 foot layout with modules from Nashville N-Trak and CINTRAK of Indianapolis.

Setup took about four hours on Friday. Nashville guys hung out at John's layout Friday night. Saturday had the final touches made to the layout before opening. We were up and running when the show opened.

Overall, operationally the layout was fine. There were some issues with the radio signals. It came to find out another club had their DCC system up and running and, somehow, there were interference. The system was babied through the weekend.

Saturday night dinner at Buckhead's was done as well. A good time was had by all.

Sunday had no significant operational problems other than what was mentioned. The crowd looked to be okay. The Sunday newspaper had a picture of the layout, so we had some press coverage. Teardown went quickly and most people were on the way out within an hour to an hour fifteen minutes.

While Rick was getting the throttle box together at the end of the show (plus to

rebuild it at home), he noticed we did not have that many UP-5 s for the layout. A motion was made to acquire six of these units with Mike Wingfeld reimbursing the club for two of them. It was discovered at the show that his UR-91 for his module/layout was causing a voltage drop that will be solved with the UP-5s. Motion was made by Bruce, seconded by Rick, passed by the members.

New modules were discussed. In past meetings, the board was looking at making a new yard and four corners, and leaving the rest of the modules to individuals. As of now, this issue will be tabled because of what will be the end of our tenure at Buckner. The State plans to start construction as early as the summer of 2010, so time is running out. Because of this, club, and private owned modules will be hard to be kept. We'll be looking for another storage location.

And speaking of new modules, the discussion on a set of show modules came up. Once again, because of the situation above, this item will be tabled until later.

Under new business, it's election time again! Kenny Halgash's and Kevin Rose's position on the board is up for election. Nominations were accepted at this meeting and will be accepted at February's meeting with voting commencing in March. Ballots will be available in the newsletter and at the March meeting. Keep in mind you have to have your dues paid by March in order to run for office and/or vote. Nominations have to be accepted by the nominee in order for them to be valid. John Voller nominated Kenny and Kevin, but Kenny declined the nomination. Rick Maloney nominated John Wesson, but John was not in attendance. So, the two nominations we have, pending acceptance, are Kevin Rose and John Wesson.

A reminder that dues are due by March was made. Contact Dawn Jewell for arrangements.

John Voller made a motion to move the meeting in July at his house to the second Saturday of the month, which is July 10th. This will be a meeting/get together/open house even that will include running trains, clinics, and all that good stuff. The motion was approved. Details on content and meeting agenda will be provided before the event. John is planning on Phase 2 of his layout and will be tearing part of it apart. So, if you have not seen his layout yet, make a point to see it. We have an informal get together at his house on Thursday nights minus meeting night.

Kenny Halgash will be providing a show listing for the shows available this year. This will be a detailed listing of the shows, contact information, and other information that may help the members attend if they want to, or even if the club wants to take some modules or group together for a trip. A basic list is constantly updated in each newsletter issue and on the website.

Future meetings were discussed. Joe Martin was acknowledged for hosting January's meeting. February's will be at Buechel Station with Don Smith hosting. March has not been decided pending a time for the New Albany Library show. Down the road, Bob and Ramona Johnson want to host the June meeting at their house.

On the roundtable discussion, Bruce mentioned that the helix for the walkway to the old Big Four bridge has been constructed on the Louisville side. Don Smith wanted to pass an idea for the members to help the convention in Houston this year. Jim Prentice mentioned that Factory Direct Trains has a bit sale on the Broadway Limited E units with sound and DCC. Finally, Don thought of another thing at the end. He has a friend who is selling his 4 foot by 4 foot layout, complete with engine and rolling stock. He plans to have pictures at the next meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Martin, Secretary

Editor's Notepad

If you were not able to attend the Great Train Expo, you missed out on a grand time. If you can make it to Nashville for their GTE in April, you will not be disappointed.

Below is the email Paul received from Jeff Johnson of CINTRAK of Indianapolis, Indiana. The email was passed out to the members who have emails and will be published here for those who either do not have email access or who have not provided an email address to Paul:

“Paul, please forward the greatest thanks from David Lee and I on a wonderful weekend with KSONS and the Nashville gang. I know CINTRAK has the reputation for unwilling to travel but David and I in particular are trying to change that. We've each been to shows with several clubs now and had a great time every time. Participating with clubs like KSONS, Nashville, Dayton and otherwise a real treat. You've got some great members who are a pleasure to be around. Even though there were some difficulties, guys stayed positive and had fun and that's what it's all about. Thank you for inviting us to dinner Saturday. My family had a great time. And thank you for inviting us to run trains Friday night. Wished I could have been there. We look forward to future visits with KSONS. We'll continue to check out your newsletter for dates. David and I have already discussed visiting for a day at the New Albany library show.

KSONS is welcome to participate at any of our shows. It doesn't matter whether you plan ahead and bring modules or just show up and run trains. Either way, y'all are welcome at any CINTRAK event. And if there's anything we can ever do to help KSONS, don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you again for your abundant hospitality. Look forward to next January and hopefully a time or two before then. Again, please let the rest of the club know how grateful we are for the time we were able to enjoy together.

Jeffrey Johnson,
President, CINTRAK.”

Kenny Halgash provided me a spreadsheet showing the upcoming shows that we might be interested in attending. Unfortunately, that spreadsheet cannot be reproduced in this newsletter. So, I have to do it the old fashioned way: Type it:

Nashville GTE. April 9th and 10th. \$7 Gate Admission. Hotel prices range from \$79-\$119 per night.

N Scale Weekend, Columbus OH, 4/30 to 5/2: \$10 participation fee. \$10 Evening meal onsite. \$10-\$12 for a T-Shirt. Lots of Hotels in area. Check website for details.

Milwaukee, WI. NMRA 75th National Convention and National Train Show. July 11th to 18th. \$175 registration, \$75 per additional family member. Have to be an NMRA member to register and participate. Check out website for details. Hotel is the Downtown Hilton. Nashville N-Trak will have modules at National Train Show.

Contact Mike Curtis if interested. Note, you do not have to be a convention delegate to attend the National Train Show the weekend of the 17th and 18th. It is open to the public.

Danville, VA. National N-Trak Convention, Sept. 24-26th. Numerous hotels in area. No charge for registration, but register online to run. There will be a DCC only layout and an analog only layout. John Wallis is coordinating the DCC layout.

New Albany Show, New Albany-Floyd County Public Library. October 29th to November 6th. Sorry, this was the only date we could get. There will not be a spring show this year. Craig Sawdo will coordinate.

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The KSONS website is <http://www.trainweb.org/KSONS>. Contact Dawn Jewell at ddjewell7@yahoo.com for any suggestions to the site. Please indicate in the heading of the email "KSONS website changes".

Well, now what do I do? I do not have room at the bottom of this page to post a picture. But I don't have words to fill the remainder of this page.

Your bonus pictures for this month are of the layout at the Great Train Expo. These were the only overview the photographer took. I guess I need to look for a new photographer. To the Nashville N-Trak guys, and to Jeff and David from CINTRAK, thanks for coming up/down to hang out and play trains and have fun. I really appreciate it, and I know the KSONS members appreciate it too. I cannot wait for GTE in Nashville in April and whenever the next GTE is in Indianapolis. Thanks again,

Joe



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