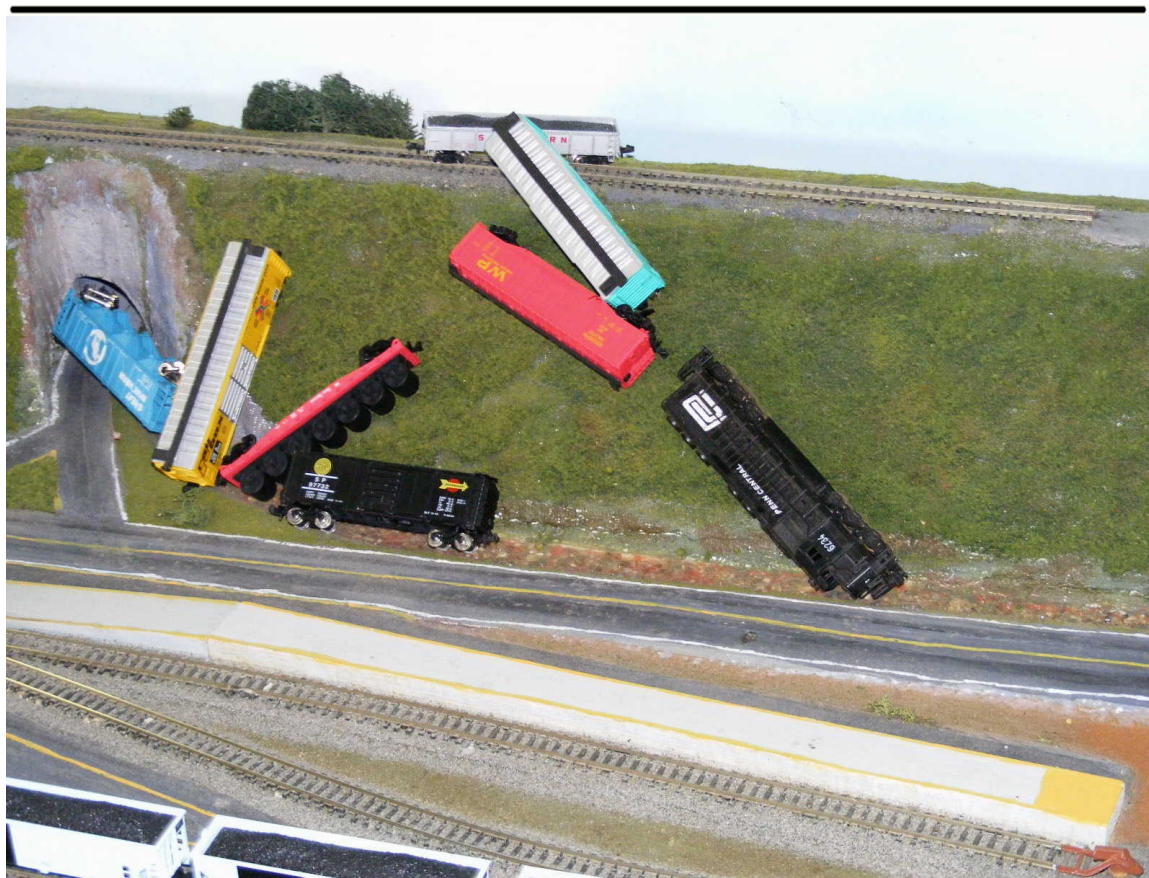


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KSONS Scheduled Arrivals (and Train Shows)

Visitors are welcome at all KSONS meetings

At the Platform:

January 14th. Business meeting at Buechel Station. 7:30 PM. Joe Martin hosting.

Down the Pike: KSONS Scheduled to Appear:

March? New Albany Library Show?

March 20th. Division 8 Train Show and Swap Meet. Bardstown Road. T-Trak if room.

April 10 and 11: Great Train Expo in Nashville.

Other Shows/Events:

January 16th and 17th: Bloomington Normal's Train Show.

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: Jakob Jewell staged this wreck of the Penn Central during the open house at Buckner on December 5th. He added more to the wreck on the 6th, but my camera lost the picture!

**December Meeting Minutes
Buckhead Bar and Grille
December 10, 2009**

The meeting/holiday party began at 7:30 with a call to order by Superintendent Kevin Rose. All pertinent business items will be tabled to the January meeting. At that time, the gift exchange took place.

Voting for the Charlie Hunt Award was made after the gift exchange. For his hard work coordinating the 2008 National N Scale Convention, Steve Shetter was the only candidate that had 66% of the votes from the members attending. Congratulations to Steve for his award.

Kenny Halgash briefly described the GTE in January. An email with details will be sent to the troops.

The meeting, as it were, was adjourned so everyone could enjoy hanging out for the rest of the evening.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Martin
Secretary

Editor's Notepad

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. I do not have anything to say this month, so let's get started with the AAR (After Action Review) of the Open house in Buckner last month.

**After Action Review
K&I/KSONS Open House
Buckner Fire Station, Buckner, KY
December 5th and 6th, 2009**

Background: The Kentucky & Indiana HO model railroad club wanted to have an open house at the Buckner Fire House. They asked the KSONS if they would mind setting up the N-Trak layout and participate in this event. A motion was made back in the July 2009 KSONS business meeting to participate in the event and was passed by the membership. At that time, no one volunteered to be the coordinator.

Setup: Setting the layout was done over a month period after the New Albany Library. I do not remember who actually started setting up the layout. Whoever did this, thank you for doing so. I do remember stopping on my way to Cincinnati for a show at the end of October and saw that most of the layout had the legs together.

The second part of the layout setup was the day after the Division 8 show on November 22nd. Paul Downs, Kevin Rose, Kenny Halgash, Rick Maloney, and Joe

Martin attended. The layout had to have some of the modules moved around, but the modules were put together and the tracks were connected.

The third and fourth part of the setup occurred during the week before the show. Mike Wingfeld and Bruce Goreham hooked the power and the loconet and tested the layout. Final clean up was done Saturday the 5th just before the fire station was opened to the public. Joe Martin, Jakob Jewell, and Mike Wingfeld moved one module inside the pit while Mike helped with sweeping the floor.

Saturday the 5th: There was a slight problem in getting the system on line. But, when that was done, we were able to operate. Because of the cold air outside, some of the railroad equipment did not work too well until it was warmed up. The members who stopped by included Mike Wingfeld, Jakob Jewell, Joe Martin, Nick Amy, Josh Caudill, Phillip Johnson, new kid Nick Coates, and Rick Maloney. There were some intermittent operating problems at the end of the day, but it could have been the railroad equipment. Public attendance was decent. There were two people that seemed interested in what we had to offer.

Sunday the 6th: The layout operated fine once the railroad equipment got warmed up. Mike Wingfeld, Jakob Jewell, Joe Martin, new kid Nick Coates, Rick Maloney, Paul Downs, and Bruce Goreham showed up and either operated, talked, or did work on the layout. Paul brought out the new signs for the KSONS club and displayed them on the wall. There was not as many people on Sunday as there were on Saturday, but overall attendance seemed to be okay.

Tear Down: Tear down did not exist, for we have until the week of January 8th to get the layout apart in time for the Great Train Expo. Therefore, any one that had time to stop by to operate the layout had the chance.

Notes: Anyone who wants to be a coordinator for these shows needs to know how to hook up the box and the loconet cables should something happen to those that know how to do this or are unable to attend. There used to be a laminated sheet of paper with pictures and instructions on how to hook up the power box and how to start up the system. Paul Downs provided the document to Dawn Jewell for upload to the site, which is up there now. Some tweaks need to be done to the document, like where to place the main loconet cables and the actual placement of the power cable to the yard, but these will be worked out.

Conclusion: If you could not attend this show, then you missed out on a perfect opportunity to tweak your equipment in time for the Great Train Expo. With Christmas parties and shopping and stuff going on at the same time, it is hard to get operators to participate. That's understandable.

Between the end of the Great Train Expo and the next show, which is possibly New Albany, it would be great to hook up the modules again just to make sure they're operational. Thanks to everyone who helped set up and especially those who attended. We may get one or two more members from this show, we hope.

Joe

A Note From Harry Munzer, via Bob Dawson, Division 8

Someone stole Harry Munzer's railroad crossbucks. They were taken from in front of his house , 6265 Buttonwood Road in Greenville, Indiana. The theft occurred sometime during the evening, Saturday, December 19th as they were setting at the end of his driveway for his open house that day. The crossbucks are replicas. Harry said they

are made from aluminum with two hooks mounted on top so that they can be hung over a cross bar. He said they are reinforced with ridges on the back. Let Harry know if someone approaches you trying to sell them. You can contact Harry at 812-923-1537.

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Please call on us!

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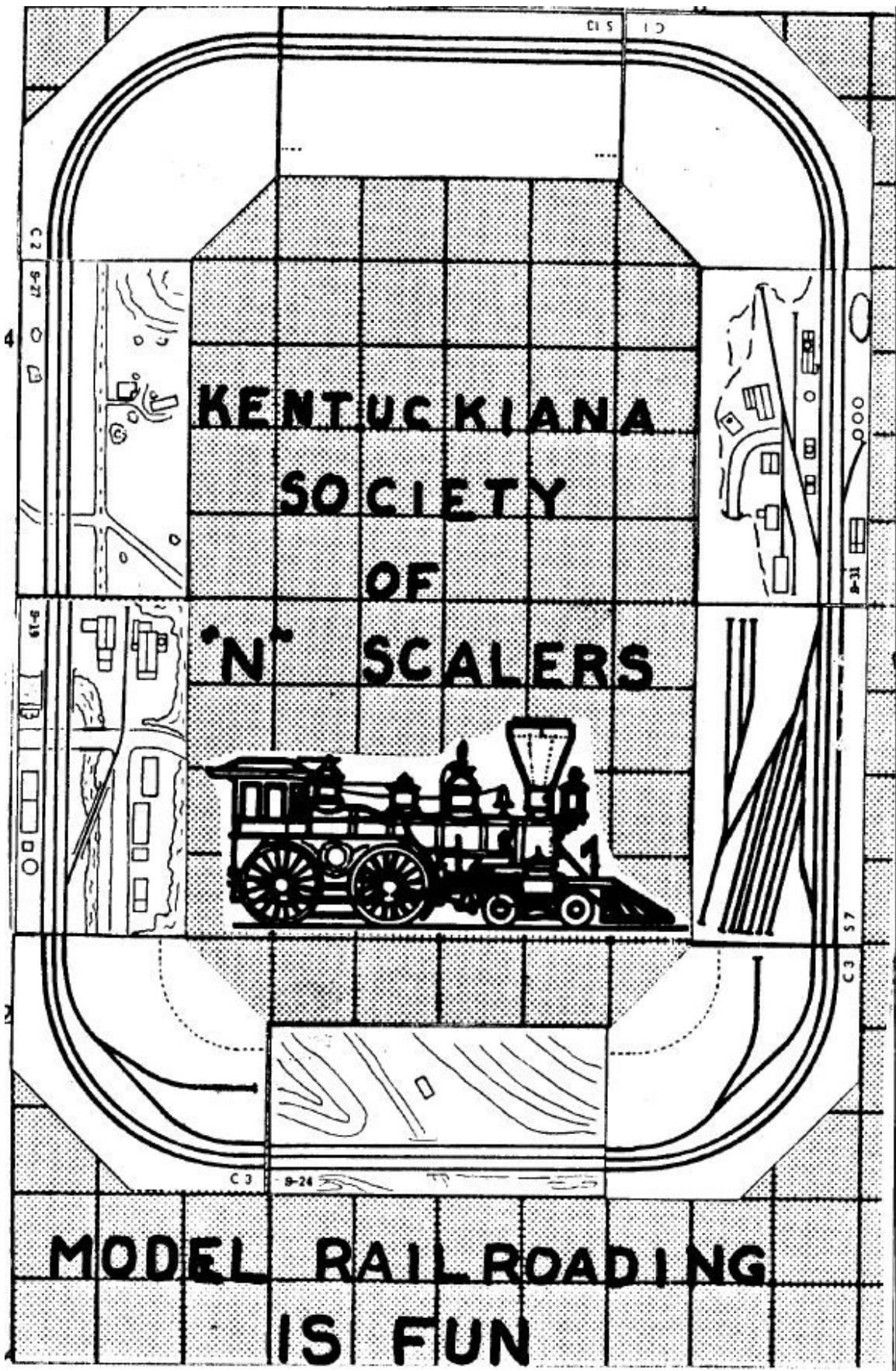
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The KSONS website is <http://www.trainweb.org/KSONS>. Contact Dawn Jewell at ddjewell7@yahoo.com for any suggestions to the site. Please indicate in the heading of the email "KSONS website changes".

Looking Back

As time and space permits, I will be reflecting on the first 25 years of the club and this newsletter. In January of 1986, Charlie Hunt started the first newsletter for the KSONS. It was simply one page. In April, it got bigger. By the end of the year, the newsletter had a cover and went up to 8 pages. On the next page is a reproduction of the first cover of the club's newsletter, which debuted April 1986.



For the electronic version bonus picture, I have to gloat and show everyone my Christmas present I got me. Hey, that's the advantage of being the editor. Actually, if you would like to submit your Christmas present pictures, simply email them to me and I'll chose one or two for next month's issue.

I had Chad Cowan of Owensboro, KY custom paint some Paducah and Louisville locomotives for me, plus one GATX locomotive the railroad is currently using. Here they are on John Voller's layout at his open house December 26th:



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