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KSONS Scheduled Arrivals (and Train Shows)

Visitors are welcome at all KSONS meetings

At the Platform:

May 14th: Business meeting. Southern Indiana Model Railroad Club. First Presbyterian Church. 222 Walnut Street, Jeffersonville, IN, 47130. 7:30 PM. Mark and Bobbi Hedge will host the meeting. If you are interested in stopping by Mark's after the meeting, let him know.

Down the Pike: KSONS Scheduled to Appear:

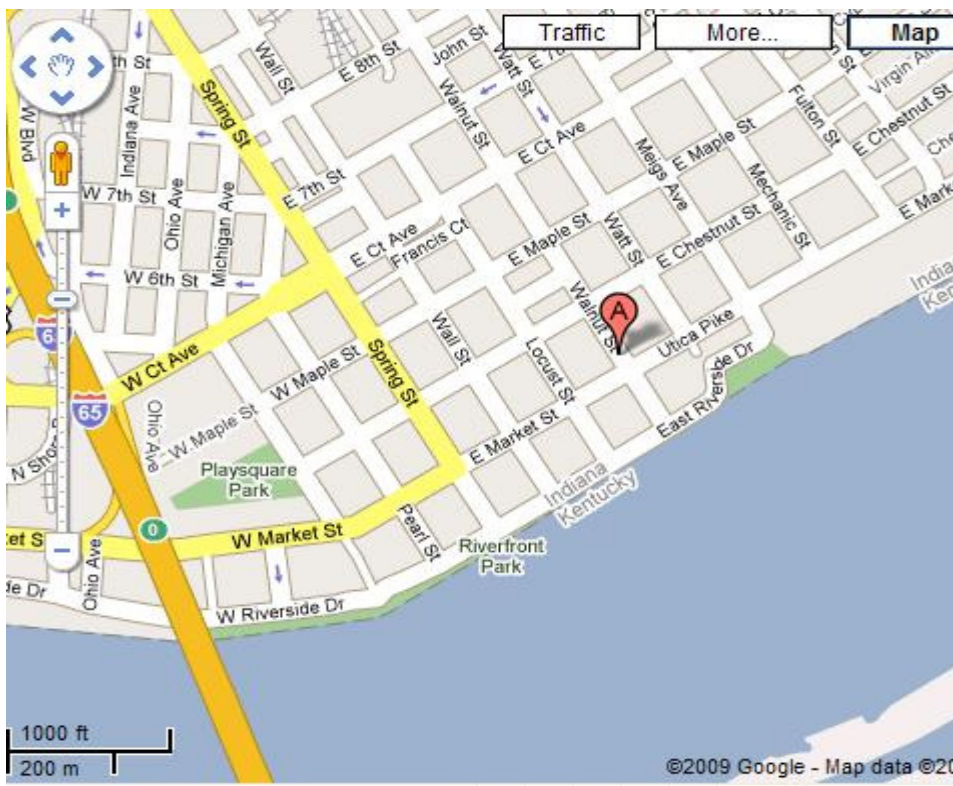
Currently no shows scheduled.

Other Shows/Events:

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.

Directions to the First Presbyterian Church:

To get to the church from Louisville taking I-65 North over the Kennedy bridge, take the first exit at the North end of the bridge. At the end of the ramp turn right onto Court Avenue. Go East on Court Avenue six blocks to Walnut Street. Post Office is on the left and bakery is on the right corner. Turn right on Walnut Street and go two blocks to Chestnut Street. First Presbyterian Church is on the corner. Turn left on Chestnut, go one half block, turn right into parking lot. Enter to the basement is available inside church. If you are coming across the Second Street Bridge, turn right at the stoplight. This will put you on Court Ave. continue East on Court Avenue under the Interstate.



On the Cover: Nick Amy and a kid watches Nick's train while Alicea's train goes ahead at the geezer gate at the New Albany show.

April Meeting Minutes

The April KSONS meeting was held at the Floyd County New Albany Public Library as we were in the middle of our semi-annual show there. Kevin Rose presided.

We had one guest, I believe he said his name is John Lay, but I'm not sure I heard him correctly.

The March minutes were approved as published.

John Voller gave his final report as the outgoing treasurer. The reported was accepted. Thank you John for a job well done, and welcome Dawn Jewell as the new treasurer. The only loose end in the transition is the lack of a bill from the K&I club for gas at the Buckner firehouse.

Besides treasurer as mentioned above, there are some other changes in the board organization. Kenny Halgash now has the title of Show Liaison. New board member Mike Wingfield takes over from Rick Maloney as Assistant Superintendent.

The Board of Directors had their first meeting after the election last month. Among their decisions at that time was approval of a logo for use on club shirts. The membership was shown an example and also approved its use. We will continue with the use of Maroon shirts and are currently searching for a good price on a polo shirt. T-shirts can be done now for \$12 to \$15 dollars depending on size. Adding a name will be an additional \$6 to \$8. Contact Bobbi Hedge if you're interested.

A skyboard-sized banner has been designed for use on show modules. This is intended to get information about the club to the casual viewers at shows, and thereby to increase membership. There will be two made, one for use with T-trak modules and one for the Ntrak display module.

Kevin Rose finally got an equipment wish list from the group of T-trak modelers in KSONS. They could use a Digitrax radio Super Chief and tables. After some discussion of the expected price for these items, a motion was made and passed by the membership to limit expenditure to \$762. This will be KSONS club property and use will not be limited to T-trak.

Kevin expressed great disappointment in the members over lack of participation at the library show. Not enough members were available to set up the layout in a timely fashion. We have been late in opening the layout during the week, and there has been a lack of runners. We have had some difficulties in our relationship with the library management and fear that they make take issue with this. This led to a long discussion of the general malaise in the club since the convention and how we need to whip ourselves into action for shows. A motion was made and passed to allow Kevin and Steve Shetter to apologize to the library and perhaps negotiate our fee downward.

Kevin also urged us to take ownership of some aspect of the club activities since it makes the hobby more enjoyable.

We will soon be taking inventory of the club property. We will also begin work sessions to do needed maintenance on club modules. Maintenance on privately owned modules at Buckner is the sole responsibility of the owner.

Our next shows will be a T-trak layout at Oldham County Town & Country Days. This will be May 9th from 9 to 3 o'clock. There will be an open house by K&I at Buckner that day and KSONS should also have the N-Trak layout operating during that event.

The May meeting will be hosted by the Hedges' house. In June we will be at the Johnson's and at John Voller's in July. We have no host for August, but Jerry Harris will have us over to his place in September.

Ernie Julian's mother passed away recently and the club will send a sympathy card. Bobbi Hedge thinks we should create a committee to take care of cards as such situations arise.

The South Louisville Antique Toy Mall has the 0-6-0 club setup and running on Sundays. There may be some space available for an N scale layout if we are interested.

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Minch, Secretary

Editor's Notepad

I have been working on creating an electronic version of *The Bridge*. As of now, I have created Adobe pdf files of the newsletters. They are formatted to where you can print them on your own printer and they should fold where it will be like the printed version you get in the mail. I am not ready to release this format, for I am now working on a template in Microsoft Word to just basically copy the text from the newsletter to the Word document. I can print this as an Adobe pdf file. I will discuss more at the next meeting.

As to my views of New Albany, well, folks, this was the most un-enjoyable time I have ever had running trains. Basically, it felt like a job. I did enjoy some things, so in the end, it was not all that bad. Of course, being off from my regular job, this job of running trains was better. But I felt that I could have saved my time off from work to do something more enjoyable.

There was just a hint of fun that Wednesday during the week. When I was heading in, I stopped by a McDonald's to get breakfast. On the way, I noticed the signal light on the P&L was red. I knew a train was somewhere. So, after lolly-gagging at McDonald's (they were lolly-gagging, not me), I turned and headed back south on Dixie Highway. I heard the horns blow and managed to get into a shopping mall parking lot just in the nick of time to catch a video of the PL4 (Paducah to Louisville manifest train) coming through.

Even though the video quality and location was not too optimal (some stupid driver in a van drove in front of the UK Locomotive), the video was actually worth the effort. It was worth it for, a few cars down the line, the Saskatchewan grain hopper passed by, all nice and green. I thought to myself, “cool, I see PWRS took one of the hoppers they sent to Kenny Halgash and increased its size to 1-1 scale.”

Yes, the video is on YouTube. Just type in the keywords “Paducah and Louisville”, heck, try “PL4” as well. I broadcasted an email to the group about it.

On Sunday and Saturday, though, it felt like a job. I did enjoy myself overall. One idea I heard someone else do that I did the second Saturday of the show was to let the kids run my train around the layout for a lap or two. They enjoyed it. This is something to think about doing if we ever come back to New Albany (or for any show for that matter). Yeah, it’s a chance. But, if you supervise them well, everything will be okay.

Coming down the line, my annual trip to Paducah to do the job of railfanning and reporting back. Somehow, this hobby that feels too much like a job keeps me going. There probably will not be anything in the June newsletter, so stay tuned to the July newsletter.

And now, a word from our Superintendent.

Super’s Dispatch

Well, I know that this hasn’t been in the Bridge in a while and after everything that I talked about at the meeting I thought it would be good to get back on track myself. For those members who weren’t at the meeting, it was... interesting. I want everyone to think about what they want from the KSONS and where we are going as a club. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have anything that you would like to discuss, especially if you don’t feel comfortable talking about something at the business meeting.

Now we always get great ideas for things to do, but it seems that people don’t want to volunteer to take charge to do those things. If you volunteer for something, remember that there are other members who can help or guide you if you need it, and that is how you learn.

The greatest experience I’ve had with the club isn’t playing with trains. It’s getting to know and work with every member we have, and enjoying the reactions from the public when doing shows. One of my hardest things for me is speaking before people and there is no way that I can avoid it with my position on the board. But it has helped me.

Now, there have been a few e-mails about possible clinics. Is there something that everyone else praises you about or always come to you for help with certain problems? Well, that’s clinic material. I am planning on doing a clinic on Atlas decoder installs. I just have to figure out when would be a good time.

Remember we are a great club, one of the best in n-scale, and I don’t want anyone to forget that.

Thanks,
Kevin

Your KSONS Board

Please call on us!

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Mike Wingfeld, Assistant Superintendent: (502) 767-8513

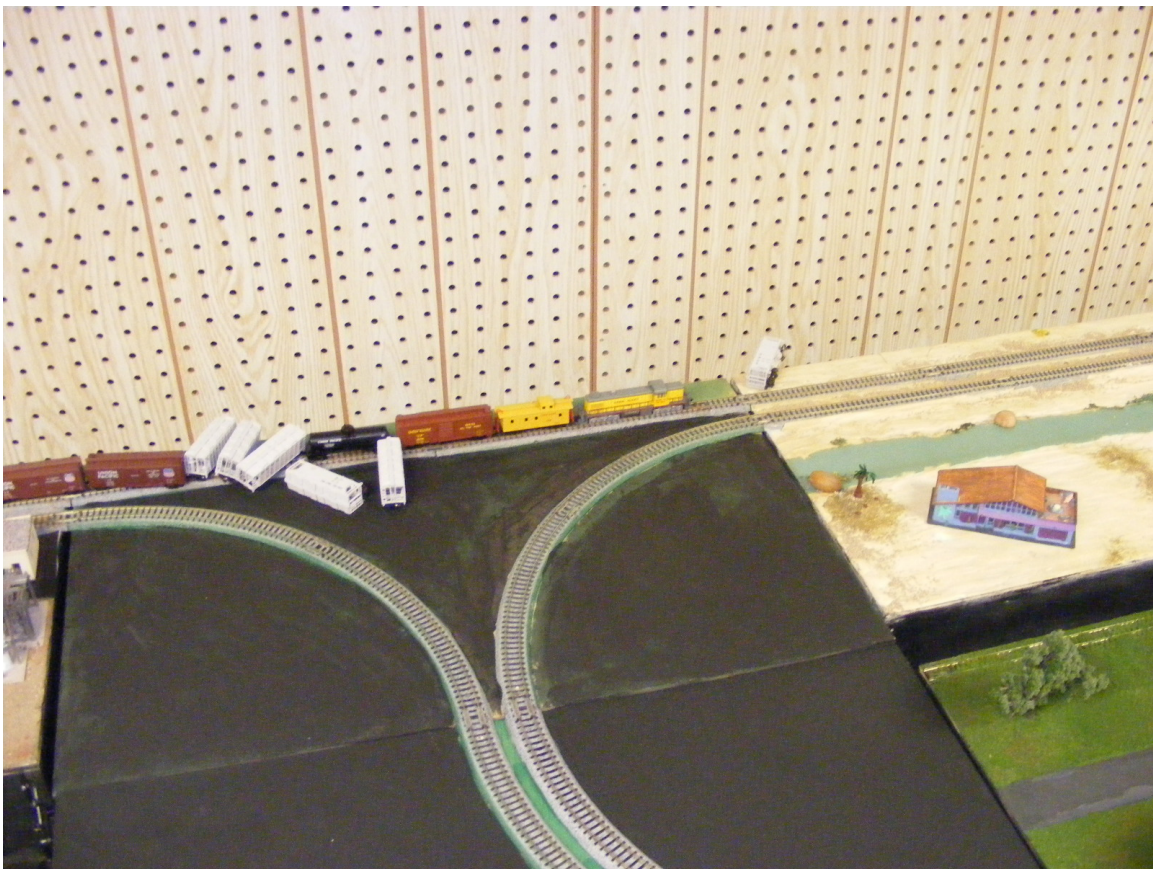
Paul Downs, Membership: (502) 895-6578

Kenny Halgash, Show Liaison (502) 348-6119

Dawn Jewell, Treasurer: (502) 523-3474

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".

For those who are getting this electronically or seeing this online, here is a bonus picture. This was going to be the cover photo for this issue but was yanked out at the very last second:



Our fearless leader Kevin Rose thought he would take a turn on the T-Trak layout at New Albany. Unfortunately, he rear-ends himself. I think his train may have had a five-fingered assist.

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