

THE BRIDGE

The Official Publication of the Kentuckiana Society of N Scalers
Hosts of the 2008 National N Scale Convention



KSONS

Bruce Goreham, Publisher
October 2009

Joe Martin, Editor
Volume 24, Number 10

KSONS Scheduled Arrivals (and Train Shows)

Visitors are welcome at all KSONS meetings

At the Platform:

At the Platform:

October 8th. Business meeting, hosted by Pat and Alicea Hardesty. Location will be at the John Knox Presbyterian Church, 9104 Westport Road, 7:30 PM. Joe and/or Josh will have some of their T-Trak modules on display for the Churchgoers.

Down the Pike: KSONS Scheduled to Appear:

November 12th: Business meeting. Buechel Depot, Steve Simpson hosting.

December 5th and 6th. Open house at the Buckner Fire House, with the K&I club. N-Trak and T-Trak layouts at the event.

December 10th: Christmas Party/Business Meeting. Buckhead's Restaurant on Outer Loop. Please RSVP with Dawn Jewell or Bobbi Hedge ASAP.

January 9th and 10th, 2010: Great Train Expo at Convention Center. Details to follow.

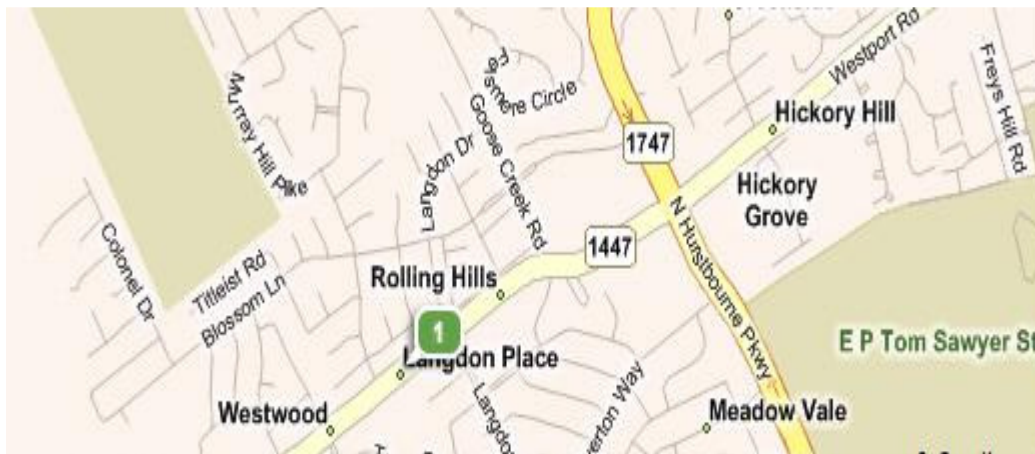
Other Shows/Events:

October 24th and 25th. Train show and swap meet at West Lakota High School, Cincinnati, Ohio.

November 7th and 8th. NMRA Division 7 show at Hara Arena, Dayton, Ohio.

November 21st: NMRA Division 8 show and swap meet at Highland Post, American Legion, 2919 Bardstown Road. 10-3.

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: August 30, 2009 finds a GP40-2 and Road Mate idling in Worthville, KY, waiting to work the Carrollton local. Joe Martin photo.

September Meeting Minutes

On September 10, 2009, KSONS held their monthly meeting at the home of Jerry Harris. Kevin Rose presided over the meeting. Marshall Flowers was recognized as a guest at the meeting.

The minutes were accepted as published. Treasurer Dawn Jewell was absent, but sent along a brief report.

Mark Hedge has no progress to report on the possible club house in Jeffersonville.

Voting on the Charley Hunt award will be at the November meeting. This is our annual award to recognize the efforts of a person or persons in promoting the hobby of model railroading. Please make nominations at or before the October meeting.

Craig Sawdo has been at work at Buckner on the club modules. As co-coordinator of the show, he knows that this is needed to get things up to snuff before the Floyd County New Albany Library show. Thanks for your efforts Craig.

We will also be operating our layout during the K&I clubs open house in Buckner on December 5 and 6. Let's get all those modules in top shape so we can have fun during that show.

The Great Train Expo will be coming back to Louisville in January. The Nashville Ntrak club has already expressed an interest in coming up to join us in a layout for that show. It's always a great time when they come to town.

Future meetings have been scheduled as follows: October will be hosted by Pat and Alicea Hardesty at John Knox Church. Steve Simpson will host in November at Beuchel Station. In December, we will have our annual Christmas party at Buckhead on Outer Loop. These will all be held on the second Thursday of the month as usual.

The round table followed with discussions mainly about train shows and operations. Items discussed were the R. J. Corman steam engine, the Disney Christmas Carol promotional train, the Camp Atterbury railroad flea market and others.

Lastly, we arranged a schedule for loading modules onto the bus and delivering them to New Albany for the library show.

Respectfully submitted, Phil Minch, secretary

I came back to the job of secretary last October after an absence of a year or so. Well déjà vu has occurred. I am going to have to give up the job again and I won't see you at the October meeting. This time I will be in California instead of Florida. I have enjoyed doing this and being part of KSONS since 1985 (I think) and hate to give it up. I hope to stay in touch with all of you in the future.

Phil Minch, ex-secretary

Editor's Notepad

Phil, thanks again for your service to the KSONS.

And now, our feature presentation. You remember the Bugs Bunny cartoons where, after traveling, he realized he made that wrong turn at Albuquerque? Dawn and Jakob Jewell kind of did the same thing. I'll let Jakob explain.

Wrong Turn, Right Way By Jakob Jewell

After I realized that I wasn't going to be at my friend's house on Saturday 9-12-09, we started thinking of other things we could do. Then I remembered that on our way to the 2009 JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes, we took a wrong turn and passed by the CSX Osborn Yard. We got our camera, two memory cards, and three sets of batteries ready and decided to go back to the Osborn Yard for a bit of rail fanning.

When we got there, we got permission to look around and take a few pictures. Drawn by the sound of at least five idling diesels, we made our way to the engine service facility. There, we saw GP30 #2210, SD70MAC #4811, AC4400CW #58, MP15AC #1136, MP15DC #1103, Slug #1051, and SD40 #2411. Upon leaving the service facility we saw SD40 #8215 shoving around entire trains by itself in a section of the yard. Unfortunately, 8215 retreated behind some autoracks and wasn't seen again. Luckily, just as that engine went out of sight, the hump crew, SD40 #2413 and Slug #1053, fired up and began dragging a never ending train up the hump to prepare it for the ride down. There must have not been enough power in the SD40 to bring the train up, and finally the train stalled right on the hump.

While watching the hump crew trying to pull the huge train up the hump, we were approached by a man in a truck. He asked us who gave us permission to come back here and we told him the whole story. After we were done, he said that the man who gave us permission didn't have the authority to do so. He then told us that we couldn't be here, but we could stay on the other side. After we went back through the car/train tunnel, we began watching the hump crew struggle again. Finally, they lashed up two more engines and got the train to the other side of the hump. The new engines then broke off and the original engines were able to proceed with normal hump procedures.

There wasn't actually anyone driving the train from the cab, instead, there was someone on the hump using what is known as "The Green Box", which a remote control device is used to control trains from wherever you are standing. That was cool, until we learned that the government is trying to green box all of the trains, even the mainline trains, thus replacing engineers.

After the hump crew finished with the train, they disappeared from sight. As it was getting dark, we thought that the trains were done for the night. However, a new hump crew, SD40 #2411 and Slug #1051, which we saw earlier at the service facility, hooked up to a huge autorack train and started throwing that train over the hump. This train was twice as long as the first one. After finishing with the train, the new hump crew disappeared and we decided to pack it up and leave. On our way out we heard an engine sound its horn, but it never stopped. Perhaps it was saying farewell, but I guess we will never know.

[Editor's Note: Great write up Jakob. My friend Ed Cooper's saying is "Trains are Where You Find Them." I've quoted them tons of times because it's true! Jakob provided pictures of his adventures. Unfortunately, they are too dark to be reproduced for the newsletter. But, they are included in the electronic version of The Bridge. Hence, another incentive to subscribe.]

Directions to John Knox Presbyterian Church

Take Snyder Freeway to Westport Road. Go West on Westport Road. For approximately two miles, you will reach Hurstbourne Parkway. Go through that intersection. The church is a little more than a half a mile from the Hurstbourne Parkway intersection on the left. You will pass by a strip mall on the left just about a tenth of a mile before the Church.

I work a mere ten minutes away from the Church, so I will be there early setting up my T-Trak modules.

Your KSONS Board

Please call on us!

Kevin Rose, Superintendent: (502) 296-5084
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".

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.

Two Bonus Pictures for this month, provided by Jakob. The pictures he provided unfortunately were too dark for reproduction on the printed newsletter. But they were okay for the electronic version. The first one is in the engine service area. In the night time picture, he was playing with and was fascinated by the reflective marks from the locomotives. Enjoy.



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