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KSONS Scheduled Arrivals (and Train Shows)

Visitors are welcome at all KSONS meetings

At the Platform:

September 10th. Business meeting at Jerry Harris house. 7:30. Directions listed after the meeting minutes.

September 26th to October 3rd: N-Trak layout display at the New Albany Public Library. Craig Sawdo and Mike Wingfeld show coordinators. Need daytime operators through the week. Show times are on page 7.

Down the Pike: KSONS Scheduled to Appear:

October 3rd. Joe and Josh will have the T-Trak modules at Scale Reproductions' Anniversary Sale. 10 AM to 3 PM, weather permitting.

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

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.

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

Other Shows/Events:

September 12th. Train show and swap meet at Camp Atterbury, IN as part of the Heartnut Festival in Columbus, IN. 65 North to Exit 76. Take US 31 North a few miles to State Route 252. Turn left and follow the signs to Camp Atterbury

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On the Cover: Kenny Halgash's Saskatchewan Hoppers decided to derail at John's staging yard one Thursday evening. Joe Martin photo.

Directions to Jerry Harris' House

Get off the Brooks Exit on Interstate 65 and head West (Turn right if coming South on 65, Turn left heading North on 65).

Stay on Brooks road past the railroad crossing. Meet at KY road 1020 and go straight. Go about 7.5 to 8 miles to the next stop sign. Note that there are hills and it looks like it goes on forever, but it is not that far away.

At the stop sign. Go straight. For about a mile or so, wind up and down the hills. Jerry's house will be on the left. Jerry, I hope you have a sign available.

July Meeting Minutes

The August meeting of KSONS was hosted by Dawn Jewell at her home. Our thanks to Dawn for the space and delicious snacks.

Kevin Rose presided over the meeting. The July minutes were accepted as published and Dawn gave the treasurer's report.

In old business, Mark Hedge has nothing to report on the possible meeting space in Jeffersonville, but he is still pursuing it.

A brief synopsis of the open house at John Voller's house was given. A good time was had by those attending. Other members are encouraged to have similar events at their home layouts.

Leading off the new business was news of an upcoming K&I club open house at the Buckner fire house. Dates will be December 5 and 6. K&I wants a quick response from KSONS about participation in this so the details can be put in an advertisement in Model Railroader magazine. The hours were not known at meeting time, but will probably be on the order of 10 AM to 3 PM. This could give KSONS a chance to tune up everything in time for a January show when the Great Train Expo is expected back. A motion was made and passed approving KSONS participation in this open house with K&I.

Nominations for the Charley Hunt award can be made through the KSONS website. There have been two nominations made so far. If you know someone in our club who has made an important contribution to the hobby, then please put their name in the hat.

Our next show will be at the New Albany Floyd County library in late September. Our show coordinators are Craig Sawdo and Mike Wingfield.

Work sessions are needed on some of our modules before our next show. Kevin suggests that a scenery clinic would fit in very nicely with this and make it more fun to do the needed repairs or just to make things look better. Since there are club modules and privately owned modules at Buckner, club members were cautioned not to work on a module without the owner's permission and not to use club money to improve or repair a privately owned module.

Upcoming meetings have been scheduled for the next two months. Jerry Harris will be hosting the club at his home in September. The Hardestys will host the October meeting at John Knox Church near their home. We have no November host or site yet. The December meeting will be our annual Christmas party.

Dawn has started making inquiries on a location for the Christmas party. Since Buckhead's on the river was mentioned as a site, she looked into the cost of a private room there. More inquiries will be made and she will report at the next meeting.

The member roundtable followed. Among these topics were Mark Hedge's recommendation of Yahoo groups N Scale Yard Sale as a good alternative to eBay for our purposes. The Hardestys reported on their recent trip to Toronto. The new site for the model railroad display at Sellersburg Celebrates was mentioned. This year it will be at the Moose Lodge on the south side of town. There will be three layouts on the 28th and will add a swap meet on the 29th.

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Minch, secretary

Super's Dispatch

I know it's been a while since I've written a Dispatch, so I have a few things to cover. I would again like to thank John for the open house. I think that everyone had a great time, learned a little and hopefully will be considering hosting their own open house or clinic. Watching John paint the back drop was really interesting. Sitting there looking at it and not really seeing anything... then it was a mountain. I was surprised at how easy John made it look and the way I wouldn't see the objects and then they would just be in the painting.

I know that we need to do some maintenance on the club modules before the New Albany Library show and this would be a good time to try some new techniques. Speaking of the New Albany Show, I know there have been questions about payment from the spring show. We did not accept any payment for the show. The reasoning behind this is the club made the commitment to doing the show at the hours specified. I know that issues come up and people may not be able to attend. But, this is our reputation and I would rather keep that intact than accept even a partial payment. Some people may disagree with this decision and I am sorry, but I feel that this was in the best interest for our club and our relationship with the Library. Now we do have our fall show coming up in little over a month, please contact Craig Sawdo or Mike Wingfeld to make sure that we will always have members there to run trains.

We will be having our Christmas party this year and the Charlie Hunt award, if you have anyone that you would like to nominate please use the form from the website. We will be voting at the November meeting.

Also, I want to thank all the members who have been attending the business meetings. We seem to be able to get through everything that we need to fairly quickly. I think there was a record set in July of 12 minutes... I am not saying that I'm trying to rush through the meeting, it is just moving along much better... I remember some meetings that ran over an hour, and that was just too long for me.

And one last thing, to our members who are back in school: Ha, ha, ha! I just have to tease you a little. I'm sure you are so glad to be back, and I'll bet your parents are too. This also means that model railroading season is going to be here soon too. You know, when it's too cold to do anything outside you go play with trains.

Thanks
Kevin

Editor's Notepad

I think this is the first time, at least since I have been compiling the newsletter, that I had to cut off the list of shows and continue it on another page. Except for maybe one or two more shows, the show schedule for the Fall and Winter has more or less been set. This means ample opportunity for you to come out and run trains, hang out, set up, or not do anything at all; which seems to be the rule rather than the exception.

The show listing has shows that we want to commit and actually have committed to do. The other shows are out there in the region should you want to go and shop or just look.

And, speaking of shows, by the time this newsletter is published, I would have decided to take my T-Trak to the Sellersburg Celebrates show on August 28th and 29th. At the time of this writing, this will be an interesting experiment: For the 28th and 29th will be in Sellersburg and the 30th will be in Carrollton, Kentucky.

Is it just me, or am I setting myself up for possible burnout this show season? We'll see what happens.

And, the final writings here before submitting the newsletter for publication, I have track and power on one T-Trak module and almost have track on another module. I've built the Heljan Cold Storage Building that will be used as a packing house. Part of the plan for this module is to have a small orange grove. The other module is to have a slightly larger grove next to a mansion (or just the orange grove itself).

I am in need of some beads. In N Scale Railroading Magazine's March/April 09 issue, Bernie Kempinski's daughter Danica had an article on making apple orchard's for her father's modules. She mentioned she used 1.5mm clear beads for apples, painted in red. Now, comparing apples to oranges, they are close (sometimes bigger, sometimes smaller). I have yet to find a supplier of these beads. I may have found one by the time this newsletter gets out. If you know of a supplier, please let me know. Thanks.

New Albany Library Times

Saturday 9/26: 10 AM to 5 PM. Members arrive at 9 AM. Library Closes at 5:30.

Sunday 9/27: 1 to 5 PM. Members arrive at 1. Library Closes at 5.

Monday through Thursday: 10 AM to 8 PM. Members arrive at 9 AM. Library Closes at 8:30.

Friday, October 2nd: 10 AM to 5 PM. Members arrive at 9. Library Closes at 5:30.

Saturday, October 3rd: 10 AM to 4 PM. Members arrive at 9. Tear down begins at 4. Need to be out of the Library by 5:30.

More Shows (continued from Page 2):

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

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)

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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".

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 ¾ 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