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Lake Erie N-Scale Society

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Welcome! LENS is a group of people with a common interest in modeling N scale railroads using NTRAK and TTRAK modules. Any time we meet and/or display our work and promote this hobby, we would love to have you join us. This means that **ALL** of us have chances to participate in the hobby by helping with any or all of the following:

- Setting up / tearing down
- Running trains
- Sharing your knowledge
- Learning something new
- Answering questions

 Hosting a meeting Notice that <u>NONE</u> of the above requires a module. We need your help... so bring yourself, your enthusiasm, your interest and your trains. Thanks in advance for helping! Hopefully, we will continue to see you at the meetings and display events.
Come and join in the fun!

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Horsepower Weekend



It was a fun event for the modelers that showed. A great time for comradery and to hang out. Unfortunately, there were not too many visitors from the public. The remnants of Hurricane Helene made sure of it. A few birthday parties were held Saturday and Sunday that helped with attendance. For the most part, however, Horsepower Weekend was a wash out. The car show that accompanies this event

was cancelled and rescheduled due to the weather, a big draw for people. Thankfully things seemed to run smooth for both the N-Trak and T-Trak displays. Participation was a little lacking for both layouts considering run times. There were quite a few open slots to run on N-Trak and a couple for T-Trak. Sunday morning there was only one person scheduled to run for one hour on N. Kellie C. was able to give up her run time on T to get a second train going. Even with its hiccups the weekend was a fun time to get together and run trains. Hopefully next years won't be so wet!













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Buffalo Central Terminal

Kellie Near I's and anniversary, in September, we like to do a short trip/vacation. Last year, we went up to Niagara falls and found a few things we would like to do in Buffalo, but didn't have the time for. In planning for this year's trip to experience those missed opportunities, I found the Buffalo Central Terminal. After informing



Front Entrance of the Terminal.

Kellie, we decided to stop by and check it out. Sadly, the terminal is only open for special events throughout the year, which meant the best we could do is drive by and take a few pictures. On the way to the terminal, we discovered it was located in the ghetto of Buffalo. Many of the surrounding buildings were in disrepair including ones connected to the terminal tower. The main entrance is off a roundabout, but you can only drive up the ramp so far before it's blocked off. It is



Back Side of the Terminal, Notice some of the decay.

a very beautiful building with many art-deco architectural elements, though difficult to do more than sneak a peek from far away for a few seconds. One of the reasons we did not stick around too long, besides it being in the ghetto, was this homeless man that was flagging down traffic and nearly causing multiple accidents. Something we did not want to be near or a part of. After snapping some pictures of the front and one of the back, we decided to hurry out of that area to safer downtown Buffalo. There is a restoration project

Finished a project? New addition to the Collection? Send a couple photos and a description to Cody C. to be featured in future newsletters! going on for the terminal with aims to have it be in use again to support the community and as future attraction. So, one day in the future it may be a fun, safe place to visit and explore. Here's hope for the rebirth of a railroad landmark. -Cody C.

Photo of the Front from the Start of the Entrance Ramp.



LENS EVENTS

1. NETS Train Show

• **CANCELLED** Unfortunately, this year's NETS show has been cancelled. Perhaps future shows as well, sadly.

2. Thompson Library

 LENS will be displaying at the Thompson Library Oct. 18th & 19th. Trains will hopefully be up and running by noon Friday, concluding Saturday at 5 pm.

3. Railfest

 Without any other events currently scheduled this year, LENS will not have any other displays until March 2025. If you have any recommendations for additional venues for 2024, please reach out to Matt K.

> October Meeting Sunday the 27th @ 2PM Location: Zoom

