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Promoting Model Railroading For Over 40 Years

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 **NONE** 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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Entertrainment Junction

I am sure that most of you are aware that Entertrainment Junction, near Cincinnati, is unfortunately no more. The doors shut for good on January 5th. Kellie and I had first learned of this enormous G-Scale layout from one of the NMRA Division 5 meetings a few months back. There it was said that the location would be closing after the holidays due to the owner not being able to sell the business to an interested buyer for the asking price of 2 million dollars. Which may seem like a large sum of money but in contrast to what other businesses ask for in buyouts and with the Junction's expansive roster of locomotives, rolling stock, and amount of building/scenery. That 2 million starts to seem like clearance pricing. To me that asking price was quite generous. Like the owner was really wanting someone to invest in this marvel of artwork, to keep it alive and in Cincinnati.



Waiting for the right time to go, Kellie and I kept putting off a trip down till December. When we realized that this one Sunday, in the entirety of the month, would be our only chance to see Entertrainment Junction before its closing. Scott G. joined us on the venture. After a good 3 and a half hour drive through rain we arrived at a balmy 50 degree Cincinnati. The parking lot was absolutely packed, we had to park in another lot a short ways away.



I had taken Chuck L.'s advise and bought tickets off groupon, saving around 20 bucks from the total for three tickets. Once we scanned them from my phone we began our sightseeing tour of

the layout. Though, the start was shoulder to shoulder people and a shuffle of feet.

The first of three sections was the early steam era. We were greeted by a magnificent wooden truss bridge stretching over the walkway. There were many structures reminiscent of the late 1800s. A water fall of real water turned into a river then into a canal and finally a lake. Included in the scenes was a Union encampment from the civil war.

Towards the end of the early era was the kids playground which gave some relief to the amount of people surrounding us. Entering the transition era we were greeted by another bridge but this one was a steel truss. There were streamlined diesels and steam alike. Included in this section was a small railroad museum. A second floor accompanied this era, as well, with a working amusement park. To finish it off we watched a working roundhouse/engine service station that was choreographed on a loop.

The junctions final section was the modern era. This time, however, we were not greeted with a bridge over head. We





were dwarfed by skyscrapers. Entering this section you were welcomed into a bustling modern metropolitan. This seemed to be Seattle, Oregon or at least a fantasy designed Seattle. The sky needle was built onto a building support. A working crane that stood as tall as the buildings was semi tucked away. Snaking through we found sky divers, a car show, and a modern jet plane. The plane was Kellie's favorite scenic item. After leaving the final section we moved over to the Christmas display.



Not much of note, to be honest. There were some O scale set ups and a small HO. After that we decided it was best to head home as we had spent roughly 2 and a half hours in the junction. We all had a great time and in my honest opinion well worth the drive. I do have a collection of photos so if you would like to see more of Entertainment Junction feel free to ask. I'd be happy to send them to you!



LENS EVENTS

1. Holiday Party

- LENS will be having its yearly winter celebration at the January meeting. Please bring something to share food or drink. Games will be available to play and may watch *Silver Streak* with Gene Wilder and Richard Pryor.

2. Railfest

- March 15th and 16th will have LENS setting up once again at Lakeland community college for the largest train show in Lake, Ashtabula, and Geauga counties. Set up will be on Friday the 14th.

**January Meeting
Winterfest 2025
Mentor Public Library-Main
Village Room
Saturday Jan. 25th @ 1PM**

See You At The Next Station!



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