



Louisville & Nashville Railroad Historical Society Electronic Newsletter

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See You in Birmingham!

This year's L&N Historical Society annual convention is rapidly approaching. It will be held from October 1st through the 3rd at the Embassy Suites in the Birmingham suburb of Hoover, Alabama. Railroads played a crucial role in the establishment and growth of Birmingham. Unique in its time, Birmingham was not founded along a navigable waterway, but instead it was platted in 1871 around the planned crossing of the Alabama & Chattanooga Railroad and L&N predecessor South & North Alabama Railroad. The original "Railroad Reservation" remains today as the right-of-way for CSX and Norfolk Southern. Iron deposits in the region attracted industrial growth through the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

This year's convention features a visit to the Heart of Dixie Railroad Museum where we will ride the museum train along a section of the former L&N Mineral Belt. The Mineral Belt once formed a wide loop to the east of Birmingham connecting to the former S&NA mainline north and south of the city. The museum is located in Calera near the southern end of the former Mineral Belt.

Online registration and a detailed convention schedule can be found at:

<http://lnrr.org/Convention.aspx>

Three Year Society Memberships Offered

In July, the membership of the historical society voted to allow three year memberships to be offered. Three year memberships are intended as a convenience measure to allow members to avoid the annual hassle of remembering to renew and will help the society as a whole reduce membership churn.

Membership options are as follows:

- Regular Membership: \$35 - one year; \$100 - three years
- Foreign Membership: \$45 - one year; \$130 - three years
- Pan American Club: \$50-\$99 - one year; \$150-\$299 - three years

- President's Car Club: \$100+ - one year; \$300+ - three years

Memberships can be renewed online at: <http://lnrr.org/Members.aspx>

Old Reliable Modeller

Upcoming Birmingham Annual Meeting

L&N modelers have some real treats in store for the upcoming annual meeting in Birmingham October 1-3! Thursday night October 1 will be the featured night for modelers. John Wilkes, Master Model Railroader from Winter Haven FL will be presenting his Virginia Southwestern layout. This layout features L&N, Southern and N&W with a heavy bias toward the L&N, but its unique construction and the outstanding scenery will challenge you to select locations from the L&N to include in your own modeling! The next issue of The L&N Magazine will have a new feature on this challenge so you need to see John's presentation.

Lee Singletary will be presenting examples of L&N modeling with photos from several L&N modeler sources. Lee's presentation will help answer questions you may have about how to treat unique aspects of L&N's fleet of locomotives and cars. We hope to have a good turnout of experienced modelers that can help address your questions.

Of course, there will be the usual modelers' roundtable comprised of modeling committee members to whom you can offer ideas to improve L&N themed model availability, etc. David Orr will be giving you a brief update on the 2015 modeling committee objectives for your edification.

To encourage discussion and sharing of skills, please bring your models, completed or under construction, and place them in the model room display. We do not have contests, so there is no reason to fear criticism. We want everyone to enjoy modeling the L&N regardless of skills or scale.

Please look for the registration page in your June 2015 issue of The L&N Magazine or go on-line to the L&NHS website to register. You will find that the Meeting Committee has lined up a number of other excellent activities that will make your attendance worthwhile. **SO SIGN UP NOW!**

NC&STL F-3's Arrive

Three years ago, we started working with Intermountain Railway to produce their planned F-3 A & B models in the NC&StL "Bluebird" scheme which had never before been produced. These locomotives have now arrived in both N & HO scale! Modeling committee member Bill McCoy of Strasburg, PA recently reviewed a HO A & B example and provided the following remarks.

“The color and painting is excellent. No bleed on the blue/gray lines and the color looks near perfect to me, having seen these many times while living in the Atlanta area.

The screening is excellent.

The addition of the rear coupler carrier on the rear of the A unit and on both ends of the of the B units as a separate item is a nice touch.

The backup light is in the EMD standard left side position. I believe the NC and the L&N specified centered above the rear door but this can be overlooked since not readily visible in service on a layout.

The rear door safety bar on the IM unit is a nice touch too, but there are no pre-marked rear mu hose locators on the units similar to those found on Genesis units. As usual with other Intermountain units, the models stand about .030" too high above the trucks and fit and finish on the window glazing could be improved. However, these issues would not be objectionable to most modelers.

The NC F-3's spent about an hour leading a 35 car merchandise train on the Middle Division layout in the lobby at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. They ran beautifully, silent, and performed smoothly at all speeds including a crawl, stops and starts. The simulated Mars light is quite effective. The only thing I see to criticize is the yellow color of both headlights. I know it's supposed to represent the "Golden Glow" lights but it's mighty golden.

All in all however, these are terrific locomotives and a much welcome addition to the list of L&N and its predecessors' models.”

Photos of the models are provided below. The NC early on improved these units with later F-7 type grills among other modifications, so a modeler can easily change these units to suit later upgrades. Perhaps one of you will submit an article on how to do this. Please contact us at lnhsarchives@gmail.com.

Please contact your hobby supplier to obtain these units. We anticipate new L&N themed products in the future and it is essential that we **support the producers if we wish to continue receiving L&N based rolling stock!**





Equipment Diagram Book CD's Soon to be Available

The society has professionally scanned a large collection of L&N equipment diagram books covering locomotives, passenger cars, freight cars, wreckers and cranes and locomotive trucks. Similar diagram books for NC&StL freight cars and passenger cars from the same collection have also been scanned. CD's are being produced for sale by the society beginning at the upcoming prototype modeler meeting at Kennesaw GA in mid-September and at the upcoming L&NRRHS annual meeting in Birmingham in early October. Pricing, etc. is being determined at this writing, but the CD's will be offered through the Company Store as well.

This initiative by the Modeling Committee working in conjunction with the Archives Committee starts the effort to improve availability of prototype drawings and data for ready access by all. Look for more in the future!

Brass Car Sides has New L&N Offering

Dennis Henry of Brass Car Sides has submitted an update on L&N 2551-2563 modernized smooth side heavyweight coach sides.

As announced in early June, Brass Car Sides has been commissioned by Michael Welborn to produce HO brass sides and separate door pieces for the L&N 2551-2563 modernized, smooth side heavyweight 48-seat coaches, as produced in the late 1940's with full skirts. These parts are designed to be used with either the Atlas/Branchline or Walthers heavyweight models, which must be shortened 5-6 feet because the prototypes were only 70 feet long at the sills. Mike has commissioned these parts on a non-exclusive basis so others interested in modeling these distinctive cars can benefit from this project if they are so inclined.

For further information, photos and diagrams see announcement at www.brasscarsides.com and contact Dennis offline with questions and reservations. N-scale versions will be produced if there is sufficient interest. One modeler, Tom Davis, has been the first to step forward for the N-scale set. I'm grateful for the assistance of several people who have supplied Mike and me with prototype photos, and to Bob Chapman, who paved the way by building and sharing his beautiful scratchbuilt models of these and other classic cars.

New 70 Ton L&N "Dixie Line" Three Pocket Hopper

Tangent Scale Models has announced an HO RTR 70 ton, PS-3, three pocket hopper with end extensions and plain bearing trucks highly detailed. They represent 2750 cuft cars built in '57 & '58 in series L&N 72999-74499 which were lettered with the "Dixie Line" block lettering. The cars are RTR and are offered in twelve road numbers. Check their website www.tangentscalemodels.com for more details on availability from your favorite source.

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Upcoming Events

Oct. 1-3, 2015 - Birmingham, AL - L&N Railroad Historical Society Annual Convention - <http://www.lnrr.org/Convention.aspx>

Trivia Time

What was the last regularly scheduled all Pullman passenger train to operate on the L&N? What was the date, route and train numbers? E-mail your answer to lnhsarchives@gmail.com. The first three replies with the correct answers will be published in the next newsletter.

Historical Society Membership Report

Historical Society membership as of July 9, 2015:

- **694** total members (up **12** from May)

- 229 sustaining members (down 2 from May)
- 57 memberships will expire 2015:3 if not renewed

Check the mailing label from your magazine to determine when your membership expires. If your expiration date is listed as 2015:3 or earlier, please renew as soon as possible.

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The historical society's officers and directors can be reached at lnhsarchives@gmail.com.

L&N Marketplace

Future editions of the L&NHS electronic newsletter will include free classified ad space. Have an L&N-related item you just don't have space for anymore? Looking for some sort of hard-to-find item? Let the historical society membership know. Email the editor, Jeffrey Carlyle, at jccarlyle@gmail.com with the contents of your ad.

Call for Contributions

Have a short article, event, or other tidbit you would like to see published in the electronic newsletter? Please contact the newsletter's editor Jeffrey Carlyle at jccarlyle@gmail.com. The next newsletter will be published the first week of November 2015.

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