



The Call Board

Northern Ohio Association of Railway Societies

P.O. Box 41441, Brecksville, Ohio 44141

The **Northern Ohio Association of Railroad Societies (NOARS)** was formed to a) be a blanket organization with a desire to help all area 'rail groups' communicate with each other and to promote their common interests in the community; and b) help eliminate the common problem of seeing railroad collections hopelessly dispersed by providing a safe and centrally located alternative for accessibility and perpetuation of railroad collections.

Society Members of NOARS

- Akron, Canton & Youngstown Historical Society
- Akron Railroad Club
- Division 4, Mid-Central Region, National Model Railroad Association
- Division 5, Mid-Central Region, National Model Railroad Association
- Forest City Division Railroad Enthusiasts
- Jefferson Depot, Inc.
- New York Central System Historical Society
- Nickel Plate Road Historical & Technical Society
- Midwest Chapter - NRHS
- Midwest Railway Preservation Society
- Northeastern Ohio Railroad Historical Society
- Northern Ohio Railway Museum
- Sebring Model Railroad Club
- Western Reserve Historical Society

Editorial

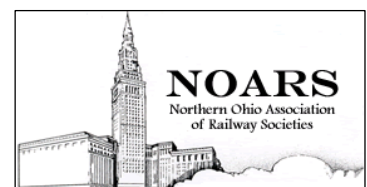
In addition to being the NOARS editor, I am a member of three NOARS societies. I see each of these societies struggling with a significant problem: slowly declining membership, compounded with aging membership. I suspect that the other organizations are facing the same problem. Let's face it, there are fewer of us left, and we are not as young as we were. In response to this problem, each society can view the other societies in one of two ways: as allies or as competition. I get a sense that too often it is the latter. The Last Stop Willoughby events are a fine example of the great things that can happen when multiple organizations come together to put on an event. See below for details of this event coming up in August. The 2008 NMRA Regional Convention was another example of a fine event that had several societies involved. I am confident that the upcoming 2011 convention will be as successful. I challenge each society to encourage its members to participate in the events of the other societies. I believe that there is a synergy when this happens, and that all societies are better off in the process.

One copy of The Call Board is mailed to a designated representative of each NOARS member society each quarter. It is the intention of NOARS that it be reproduced and distributed to each society's general membership by whatever means is appropriate to that society. Xerox copies may be adequate for smaller societies. Larger societies are encouraged to post it on their website. All societies are encouraged to include it in the agenda of their regular meeting.

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List of Officers

President	Blaine Hays	Treasurer	Bill Kovacs
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Meetings

Please feel free to attend or send a representative to any of the NOARS monthly meetings. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month. The next meeting is June 21 at the Brecksville Library, 9089 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville, Ohio. The following meeting is July 19 at Cleveland State.

Upcoming Events

The Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum has a new address: 7230 Justin Way, Mentor, Ohio 44060. Summer hours are T & Th 3-9 p.m. W & F 9 am – 3 pm Sat 10-5, Sun Noon-5

The Akron Railroad Club meets on the fourth Friday of every month except December at the New Horizons Christian Church, 290 Darrow Road, in Akron, Ohio. Meetings begin at 8 p.m. and end at approximately 10 p.m.

Jefferson Depot is holding their Strawberry Festival on June 19 and 20, 2010. Enjoy the historic village, crafts, food, music, car show and other activities. Enjoy a train ride on the AC&J while you are there.

The Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Chapter will host the 2010 Convention of the National Railway Historical Society. The convention will be held in Scranton, Pennsylvania June 22-26, 2010. Additional information is available at: <http://www.endlessmountainrails.com/wordpress/home/>

The “Last Stop Willoughby” *Remembering the History of the CP&E Interurban Railroad* event will be held Saturday, August 21, 2010: 10am – 5pm and Sunday, August 22, 2010: Noon – 5pm in the Willoughby Historic District. There will be model train layouts, train engines, Lolly the Trolley, live steam train displays, and a parade Sunday afternoon. Further details are available online at: <http://heartofwilloughby.com/last-stop-willoughby/>

The CRHS 2010 Convention will be held September 24-26, 2010 in the Cleveland, OH area. Featured events this year will include a tour of Larry's Truck & Electric in MacDonald, a tour and equipment display at the Macedonia car shops, a tour of the Bridge One control tower in downtown Cleveland. For further information see their website: <http://thecrhs.org/events/2010-Convention-Cleveland-OH>

The annual convention of the Nickel Plate Road Historical & Technical Society will be held September 30; October 1, 2, & 3, 2010 at the Mad River & NKP Railroad Museum in Bellevue, Ohio. Additional information is available online at: <http://www.nkphts.org/convention/>

The NMRA Mid-central region convention will be held April 28 through May 1, 2011 at The Lodge & Conference Center in Geneva-On-The-Lake, Ohio. The convention is being sponsored by NMRA MCR Division 5 (Cleveland east), and the theme will be Rails of Ages, Celebrating 50 years of Division 5. NOARS has been asked to participate similar to the 2008 regional convention. For further information see: <http://www.railsofages.org/Convention/index.html>

There are many other interesting events taking place in northeast Ohio. Please visit the NOARS web-site and/or the various societies' web-sites for further information.

Items for Sale

NOARS publications developed and available:

Port Cities (from the NMRA convention)	\$9.95
AMC (from the Van Sweringen Symposium)	\$6.95
Consolidation Map (of greater Cleveland)	\$10.00

Please watch for these items to be available for purchase at many of the upcoming events listed above.

New item: Consolidation map in color. See the following website for purchase information:

http://www.zazzle.com/cleveland_railroads_unification_map_1934_poster-228937066011526166

Website

Visit our website at: <http://www.noars.org>