

## Notes- NE Ohio O-Gauger Meeting - October 12, 2019 (public)

**Present:** Frank Klaus, Dennis Means, Bryan Persing, Paul Stackow, Dick Stagneth, Eric Woellert(host), Mike Wyatt

**Copies:** Mark Boyce; Nathan Bryant; Ed Dubiel; Tom Funk; Bryan Harko; Jeff James; Aaron Laboe; Nick Pandolfi; John Nagurney; Jim Stack; Dale Varley

**Activity:** The group met at the Fresh Start Diner in Garrettsville, OH for a relaxed small town breakfast. Afterward the group went to Hiram Township to see Eric Woellert's layout. The layout occupies a 20' x 21' 2nd floor room and is being modeled after mostly the eastern U.S. with no particular era in mind.

**Engines & Rolling Stock:** The model railroad is full 1:48, 3-rail O Scale. Most of the motive power consists of large scale steam engines and modern Diesels, run with the Lionel *Legacy* control system. There is no transformer control for conventional locomotives. Union Pacific is the predominant railroad employed on the layout with the PRR, Santa Fe, and Southern Pacific railroads also utilized.

**Freight rolling stock** is comprised of mainly scale steam era refrigerator cars and modern scale equipment, such as mechanical refrigerator cars, GATX tankers, and husky stacks. **Passenger cars**, by Golden Gate Depot/ 3<sup>rd</sup> Rail, are all representations of actual consists used during a specific time period, mainly the 1930's and 40's.

**Power** for the engines comes from 3 X 180 watt Lionel "bricks". **Track:** Atlas O track is used throughout the layout utilizing O99 and O108 curves in visible areas to complement and run the 1:48 scale engines and rolling stock. Smaller curves, O72 & O81, are used in tunnels allowing more room to design in the wider curves for the rest of the layout. The layout has a double track mainline that is configured into a modified folded "dogbone" with a separate 3rd loop running above them.

**Scenery:** Rustoleum camo brown spray paint and some weathering powder is used to weather the track in the finished areas of the layout. The layout features an in-progress large tree covered mountain between 8' and 9' tall in a corner of the room, made with a lattice of wood and cardboard, covered with brown paper and plaster - soaked paper towels. *Woodland Scenics* rock molds and Lightweight Hydrocal are used to create the rock formations around the tunnel portals which are then colored with several shades of dye mixtures. Trees in the foreground are Scenic Express *Supertrees*, while further away, balls of pillow stuffing were spray painted green and covered with scenic foam creating the illusion of a tree canopy.



Scenic Express tunnel portals and flexible stone wall system finish off the base of the mountain. The only finished part of the layout is the gorge area. This area is about 5' across and more than 2' deep

featuring a river and waterfalls modeled after the Chagrin River. Actual rock from the Chagrin was used to make the waterfalls and riverbed. (below)



**Bridges:** 5 scratch built bridges, constructed of hardboard, basswood, and abs/styrene structural material from Plastruct span the gorge. The longer upper level bridge (below) utilizes an aluminum girder support section with the arched span section created using abs plastic. A scratch built wood trestle, Atlas Pratt truss bridges, and a girder plate section comprise the remainder of the upper level loop bridges. The bridge below is the same one, unfinished, as the installed bridge over the “river” scene upper-level above.





**NEXT: Saturday, November 23, 2019- 9:30 AM, meet at:  
Denny's Diner, 3105 Medina Rd. (Rt. 18 at I-71 Exit 216), Medina, OH.**

**Nick Pandolfi's Layout, also in Medina, OH.**

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**Upcoming Meet-Up Schedule**

Month & Date	Area & Host*	Topic and Activity	Time and meeting place
Sunday October 27	Medina Train Show		Medina County Fairgrounds 720 W Smith Rd, Medina, OH
Saturday, November 2	Mt. Hope Train and Toy Show		Mt. Hope Event Center, 8076 OH- 241 Millersburg, OH
<b>November 23</b>	<b>Medina OH Host: Nick Pandolfi</b>	<b>NE Ohio O Gaugers</b>	<b>Denny's, I-71 and Rte. 18 9:30 AM</b>
<b>December 2019</b>	NEED HOST	<b>NO HOST = NO Meeting!</b> Please volunteer	Call or e-mail Mike Wyatt 440-478-8208 mikewyatt49@gmail.com
<b>2020</b>			
<b>January 2020</b>	NEED HOST	<b>NO HOST = NO Meeting!</b> Please volunteer	Call or e-mail Mike Wyatt 440-478-8208 mikewyatt49@gmail.com

**\*Host duties: Meeting contents:** Saturdays, at 9:30 AM breakfast, topic, visit something RR-related. Rotate around, members set up in their area. Area roughly Cleveland- Erie- Mercer, PA, Akron. Chooses restaurant and activity- restaurant SHOULD be something unique to the area, mom's home cooking type if possible. The attraction could be your layout, a local site, a local model RR store, a personal

layout, a RR-related museum, etc. We will meet for breakfast then go to the attraction, see it, and leave from there.

**Going forward: Please select a date (December 2019- September 2020) and a topic from below or another, for which you have some experience and interest!! We cannot keep meeting if we don't have hosts!**

Respectfully.

Eric Woellert(host), Mike Wyatt

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# NE Ohio O Gaugers— Sat., Nov. 23, 2019

**Not a  
club??...**

...but a casual group of train hobbyists from Northern Ohio into Pennsylvania, doing what we love: learning about, running and building *big rugged trains*.

*Model railroading in O Gauge, and O Scale:*

*Toy Trains*

*Realistic “hi-rail” model railroads*

*Fun at 60 cycles AC!*

**“There’s no rail...  
like 3-rail”** ▶

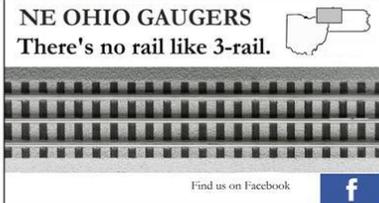
**440-478-8208**

Medina is west of Akron, at the intersection of OH Rt. 18 and Interstate 71. From Cleveland and Akron, and Lake County, follow I-71 South. From PA— take I-80 or PA Turnpike I-76 west to I-76, then 76 to I-71 Lodi, and south on I-71. ALL: I-71 south to exit 216, then west a couple of hundred feet to Denny’s Diner.

**NEXT**

**Sat. Nov. 23**

**NE Ohio Gauge  
Railroading Meet-up:**



**STEEL!!!**

**9:30 AM: Meet at Denny’s**

3105 Medina Rd. (Rt. 18 at I-71 Exit 216),  
Medina, OH.

**Then tour Nick Pandolfi’s layout**

Cell is 216-346-8620

Steam locomotives and diesels operating in a steel production theme.  
Scratch Built Blast Furnace is the centerpiece of this great layout!

**PLEASE let us know you are coming!!**

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