



N.O.A.R.S.

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.

These groups range from those who build and collect models to those who restore, maintain and operate railroad and transit equipment. Included are those who take or collect photographs, collect, draw or research maps, write histories, amass reports on railroads or restore artifacts of railroads. There are also those who are actively involved in the restoration of railroad and trolley cars, the operation and upkeep of today's railroad and rail transit systems and the labor unions representing them, or who have retired from them and want to keep active.

Society Members of NOARS

Akron, Canton & Youngstown Historical Society

Akron Railroad Club

Division 4, Mid-Central Region, National Model Railroad Association

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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

Greetings fellow railway fans and historians,

I have gladly accepted the position of editor of the NOARS newsletter. I am an active member of three of the above noted organizations; therefore I totally support the objectives and goals of NOARS. There is a cornucopia of railway related activities that take place throughout northern Ohio, and a vast wealth of historical knowledge embodied by the personnel and materials that constitute these organizations.

It is our intention that we publish this newsletter on a quarterly basis. We invite you to submit any announcements, upcoming events, items of interest, etc. for inclusion in the newsletter. Submissions can be mailed to 4104 East 76 Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44105, or emailed to ckbeargie@ameritech.net.

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List of Officers

President Blaine Hays
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Treasurer Bill Kovacs
Secretary Sheldon Lustig



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 at the Brecksville Library, 9089 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville, Ohio. The next meeting is March 16th

News

The Erie Lackawanna Historical Society is in the process of relocating its archives to the Cleveland State University Library Special Collections area, University Library Rhodes Tower 201A, Cleveland, Ohio 44114. For more information contact: William C. Barrow (216) 687-6998

Upcoming Events

Division 5 NMRA will be having its Railfest 2009 Model Railroad Show and Flea Market on Saturday & Sunday March 14 & 15, 2009 at Lakeland Community College in Kirtland, Ohio (State Rt. 306 at Interstate 90 - Exit 193) from 10am to 4pm. both days. Admission is \$5.00, Two-Day Pass is \$8.00, Family (couples) are \$8.00 max.

NMRA Mid-Central Region Convention, April 30 to May 3, Columbus, Ohio. For information contact the Registrar, 21st Century Limited, 142 Walnut Creek Dr, Commercial Point, OH 43116-9708 or see the web-site at <http://mcr09convention.dwilke.org/FirstPage.html>

NOARS members have once again been invited to participate in the Willoughby Train Days. This event will take place August 22 & 23, 2009. Contact Joe Juratovac for further information at (440) 884-6272.

Farther down the line is the NMRA Mid-central region 2011 convention. NOARS has been asked to participate as we did for the 2008 convention that was sponsored by NMRA MCR Division 4 (Cleveland west). The 2011 convention is sponsored by NMRA MCR Division 5 (Cleveland east). Keep an eye on their website for further detail as it develops: <http://www.mcr5.org/NMRA/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

A far-reaching NOARS goal is the publication of histories of all the railroads and rail transit operations in the region – past and present. Below are the items already 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.

Website

Please visit our website for additional information. <http://www.trainweb.org/noars/index.html>