



HOLIDAY TRAIN DISPLAY AND MORE

One Awesome Event – Two Worthy Causes

Families Living with Multiple Sclerosis (MS)

&

Christian Cooperative Nursery School (CCNS)

4,800 Sq. Ft. Train Display

43 Lionel Trains on 1 1/2 Mile of Track

winding through mountains, drive in movie theaters,
old fashion hamburger joints, haunted mansions, lakes,
farms, construction sites, and the carnival.

Also includes rooms of Sports Memorabilia,
a Private Art Collection, Jewelry Raffle, Bake Sale,
and former Bengals signing autographs.
Something for every member of the family!

Dates: Sat. & Sun. – Dec. 4 & 5	Times: 10 AM – 5 PM
Location: The home of Ned Hoelzer 3088 Millville Oxford Rd (Rt. 27) Oxford, OH 45056	Free Parking & Shuttle: Marshall Elementary School 3260 Millville Oxford Rd. (Rt. 27) Oxford, OH 45056
Cost: \$5.00 Children \$7.00 Adults	All proceeds to benefit MS & CCNS

If you'd like a little more information to get some of the flavor of the event, here's a write-up from one of last year's volunteers who worked the event:

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"When you get the pleasure of sitting at the top of the stairs to greet the guests visiting Ned Hoelzer's train display, you will see that it is the best seat in the house. It is the spot that can still make an old man's eyes twinkle like that of a child, the spot of children crying because they are not quite ready to leave, and the promise of next year.

The first train began its journey to this now 4,800 square foot display, when Ned was 8 years old. Over the years this collection has grown in size, variety, and beauty. With over 1 mile of track, 41 Lionel model trains entertain and delight us as they wind through mountains, drive in movie theaters, old fashion hamburger joints, lakes, farms, construction sites and Ned's personal favorite, the carnival. When you're least expecting it, Ned will give the signal and the lights will go out leaving only the display lit up. There is a pause and then a long AHFFF.

When asked if he's still collecting, Ned replies that he is running out of room. And yet, those returning from previous years with a keen eye will always notice something new that has been added.

Occasionally, a train will derail and everyone begins to wonder how Ned will be able to reach the train 10 or 20 feet across all the tightly packed tracks. He simply takes a step stool and walks out very carefully and puts the train back on track. This might explain why when asked which train is his favorite, Ned answers "the one that runs."

A few years ago, Ned built his house and let his trains sit in boxes for over one year. When he finally got them out, it took him 3½ years to create his amazing display. Ned is the sole engineer, and guests are encouraged to stop and talk with him. His collection is a private one, but for the past two years Ned has opened his home and trains to the public for the purpose of sharing and helping others. In 2007, his display raised almost \$10,000 for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to purchase Walk Aides for people living with MS. This year, Ned has once again offered to open his home to raise money and awareness for Multiple Sclerosis and the Christian Cooperative Nursery School.

Ned came to Oxford with 2 pairs of pants and \$50 in his pocket. He has worked hard in his life to be able to create this wonderful display and we are so honored that he is willing to have us as his guests."