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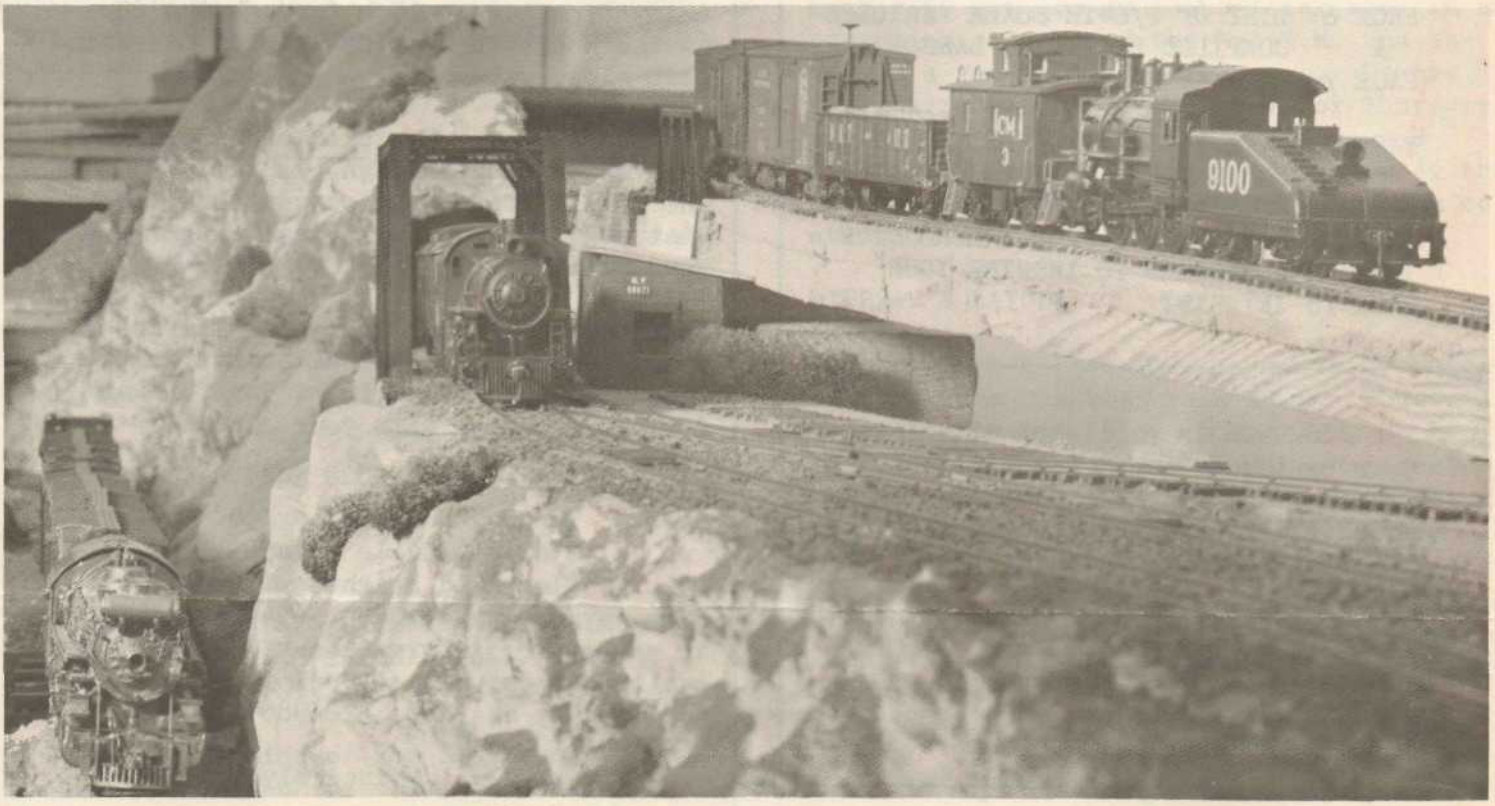

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ON THE COVER

These two fine photographs were taken by Bob Werre of the Houston S Gaugers.

TOP PHOTO: The highest level is a branch line which has an 0-6-0 working a local freight. The engine in the middle is a Rex mogul. It is pulling a heavy weight local. The engine on the lowest level, a superdetailed mikado built by Fred Little, is pulling a freight down a long grade.

LOWER PHOTO: The wealth of detail on Fred's mikado is apparent. The loco started life as a Nord kit. It now sports a PFM sound system in its tender. The beautiful tressel was scratch built by Rusty Paulus. His Cheyenne Mountain Railroad features models of many Santa Fe prototypes.

FROM THE MAIL POUCH
Letters From Our Readers

Dear Fellow 'S' Gauger:

Thank you for requesting information on the upcoming convention of the National Association of 'S' Gaugers. As you know, it will be held this year in Cleveland, Ohio, from August 19th through the 22nd at the Sheraton Hopkins Inn, on Cleveland's West side.

We have prepared a packet of information for you to read through. It tells some of the highlights of the convention, and what you and your family can expect upon your arrival.

Please read through it to familiarize yourself with the various activities, then fill out the registration form and forward it along with your check or money order to:

The Cuyahoga Valley 'S' Gaugers
3567 Antisdale Avenue
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

If you desire information other than that outlined here, please feel free to call me directly at (216) 526-9864.

Sincerely,

Lee McCarty
Chairman

EDITOR'S NOTE: The registration form has been reproduced on page 8 of this issue. Please write Lee for the other information since the brochures would not reproduce with our printing process.

Dear S Gaugers:

I'm enjoying your (our) newsletter. Perhaps this list of 1/64 (and close to it) autos will interest your readers. It's amazing what is available at K-Mart, Target, etc. All measurements made with 3/16 scale ruler. All purchased or observed within the past year.

Ted R. Larson
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1420 Franksen Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55108

MAIL POUCH CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

Ted Larson's letter completed

P.S. Where can I find a small loading dock size forklift truck? Help from anyone out there?

EDITOR'S NOTE: I have found such a forklift in the MATCHBOX series. Ted's excellent list starts on page 6.

SEE YOU IN CLEVELAND IN AUGUST

EXCERPTS FROM CLUB NEWSLETTERS

THE SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN S GAUGERS
EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
FEBRUARY 14, 1982 MEETING

The February meeting of the SMSG was held at the home of Tom Jenkins. Tom has an A.F. Tinplate layout consisting of an inner & outer loop of A.F. track and roadbed. The main line runs around the furnance with a yard forming the shorter leg of an "L" at one end of the basement.

Tom demonstrated his regearing and mechanical talents by running many of his A.F. locomotives equipped with sound and smoke modules for the attending members. Also displayed was the Fundimensions, A.F. B & O Freight Set.

Before the formal meeting began, Tom offered the group sandwiches, donuts, coffee and a few cold ones.

President Sig Fleischmann called the meeting of the SMSG to order.

MODULE REPORT:

Sig noted that the end units had been checked for squareness and that he and Gaylord are ready to proceed with track. (See Sig's attached note.) A general discussion followed covering various attaching and assembly procedures that could be applied to our modules.

SMSG members noted the benefits of our visit to Dick Hait's North American Railway Modelers in January. Gaylord Gill asked if many SMSG members would be interested in an operating session at the N.A.R.M. and received a very positive response. He has since arranged a get together for Thursday night, March 25, 1982. Directions and final arrangements will be discussed at the March meeting of the SMSG. Please plan to attend.

DISPLAY & LAYOUT

Bob Stelmach & Dave Held noted that progress at this time has been very slow. However, since the meeting, one joiner section had been completed, disassembled, and reassembled with virtually no fuss, no muss, and perfect alignment.

After the meeting, Tom Hawley presented a N.M.R.A. Clinic explaining the use of signals on railroads. Thanks Tom Hawley & Tom Jenkins for hosting the February meeting.

Dave Held
Secretary/Treasurer
6936 Yorktown Lane
Utica, MI 48087

ADDENDUM FROM SIG FLEISCHMAN: MARCH 1, 1982
SMSG Module Proposals

1. Eliminate straight sections of track between curved end sections.
2. Run roadbed and ballast to end of module sections. Connect sections with sections of rail only.
3. Use Woodland Scenics light grey, medium grade ballast.
4. Backdrops like Jim Hait's HO modules, 12 inches high with 4 inch top.

5. Weather rail with rustoleum spray paint, #7769 rusty metal primer.

Any member who wants to question or challange these proposals may do so at our March meeting. Lets hear your ideas.

The Module Construction Crew,

Gaylord & Sig

CUYAHOGA VALLEY "S" GAUGERS
NEWSLETTER OF FEBRUARY 5, 1982

Greetings CVSG Members,

Am I dreaming, or is that actually sunshine coming in the window? Dare we hope spring is actually around the corner? I sure hope so.

One of our more staunch members, Tom Nemelli and his wife Kathy recently took a trip to the Sheraton Inn at Hopkins to see for themselves what the facilities looked like. They met with Linda Cromwell, our representative from Sheraton who gave them a guided tour of the facilities we would be using. Tom is in charge of the flea market on convention Sunday. He was most interested in the areas where the tables would be placed.

We are expecting over two hundred tables will be needed for the flea market, so it is probable that we will have to go outside and rent some. The facility itself has 100. Tom was concerned about the space made available to us for the market. He doesn't think the two ballrooms and three meeting rooms will be enough. (I hope he is right!).

Several of the committee heads have got a meeting scheduled with Linda at the Sheraton on Saturday, March 27 at 11 AM to run through the entire convention schedule. We expect to work out space problems and several others as well at that time. If you wish to see the hotel ahead of time, meet us there for the guided tour.

The club's modular layout now boasts eight sections instead of the previous six. Both new sections are formed and fitted into the existing layout. Sub-roadbases are laid and scenery is underway. Final step will be track laying, which should be completed within the month.

The new sections are fancier than the old ones with passing sidings and bridges over creeks, etc. We intend to show off our scenery making ability on these two sections.

The next train meet we will be taking the layout to is Padua H.S. on March 21. It's a pretty good meet, and if you happen to wear your CVSG shirt, you will get in free as an exhibitor. We have also been invited to participate in NMRA Division 4 and 5 meets in Berea and Kirtland in April and May, as well as a big NMRA Division (?) meet in Toledo, Ohio in May. I'll give more details in the next newsletter.

My wife Cindy was told by the Ohio Visitors Bureau that Ohio vacation-type literature is available through AAA. Is there a AAA member willing to contact them on our behalf?

Attached to the newsletter are your registration forms for the hotel and convention. Naturally, we would appreciate your registering early, since that will give the club treasury a bigger operating capital, and the hotel will better know how many rooms to save for us. The same forms have also been sent to the NASG Newsletter which will carry copies of them in the next DISPATCH. By roughly April, anyone who wants a set should have one.

It seems that I finally did something right in the last newsletter when I mentioned several items which various club members had for sale or trade. I received several calls congratulating me on doing something right for a change, and to continue the section in the newsletter. It sounds good to me, but I will need to know what you have by the first of each month, along with price, condition, etc.

- Submitted by
Lee McCarty

BRISTOL S GAUGE RAILROADERS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF FEBRUARY 28, 1982

This meeting was held at the home of Paul Riley in Peabody, MA. The nine members who attended arrived around 2 PM and inspected the new addition to Paul's house - a large family room. At 2:50 PM President Paul Riley called the meeting to order. He also read the minutes of the previous meeting which were accepted as read. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The Secretary read communications from several absent members. A gift to the club of a large number of railroad magazines from member Henry Gowey was announced by John Medland. The business of the meeting immediately centered around plans for the 1983 NASG convention. Discussion took place regarding possible means of acquiring funds for preliminary expenses. Among those discussed were: 1) A tax on members to be repaid after the convention. 2) Expansion of the club to admit more members for dues, as well as to provide more help in operating the convention, and 3) Attempt to interest adherents of SN-3 and other narrow gauges in membership.

Announcement was next made of the 1982 NASG Convention in Cleveland. The members were urged to participate in the model contest. Arrangements were made to hold our July meeting on the 18th at the home of new member Bill Morris in Rutland, MA. This will be our annual family outing and picnic. The Nashua Valley Model Railroad Club of Bolton, MA has invited the Bristol Club to display some scale S gauge equipment at their Railfair on April 25th. We have agreed to participate and have rescheduled our regular April meeting to the 18th.

Committees for the 1983 convention were announced by President Paul Riley as follows:
TRANSPORTATION: Bob Brown, Reg Smith
PROTOTYPE TOURS: Phil O'Malley, Bob Newbegin
HOBBY SHOPS: Paul Riley, Win Brasor, Bill Martor
MOTEL LIAISON: John Medland, Tom Coughlan
PROMOTION: Keith Walker, Paul Riley, Ernie Degel, Fran LaPrise, Bill Morris
PUBLIC SERVICE: Bob Brown, Ed Meagher
LADIES' ACTIVITIES: Pauline Pelland, Maureen Riley, Joanne Brown, Mary Galineau
TIN-PLATE, HI-RAIL, TCA: Don Riley, John Bernard, Bill Marter, Reg Smith, Bob Brown
AUCTION: Rollie Mercier, Gene Fletcher Bob Wall
LAY-OUT TOURS: Paul Riley, Wil Gelineau, Phil O'Malley
CLINICS & MOVIES: Paul Riley, Tom Coughlan Bruce Russell, Joe Drozek
MODEL CONTEST: Bruce Russell, Win Blake Bill Boucher, Bill Henry
MANUFACTURERS LIAISON: Paul Riley, Rollie Mercier, Bob Wall
NARROW GAUGE: Paul Riley, Norm Doucette, Frank Robie

The function of each committee was discussed at length, so that each individual is ready to start the ball rolling. It will be noticed that several names of committee members are not included in the Bristol roster, but most of these have already expressed willingness to participate.

It was decided to work up a display for the Nashua Valley show, which could also be used at Cleveland in August.

Finally, we reviewed some suggested Themes and Logos, and these were discussed by the members. An early choice of these two items will necessarily be made. Adjournment took place in time to go to dinner.

After dinner at the Howard-Johnson Restaurant in Danvers, the club returned to Paul's house for a video-tape presentation of Johnny Cash's railroad movie which was very well received. The next meeting will be on March 21 at Bill Marter's in Fall River.

- Submitted by
Tom Coughlan

1982 NASG ANNUAL CONVENTION

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August 19, 20, 21, 22, 1982

Mfr's #	Description	S - Scale High	S - Scale Wide	S - Scale Long	Prototype High	Prototype Wide	Prototype Long	Quality
	MATCHBOX							
38	Ford Mini-pickup with camper, Red/tan - pickup only, red	7' 4'9"	6'8" 5'6"	15'9" 15'3"				good
60	Late 70's Chev ElCamino with 2 motorcycles in rear, red, steering wheel on right.	4'4"	6'	15'6"				fair
45	BMW, orange, doors open	4'9"	6'	15'2"				good
41	Chev truck ambulance, cab is proper size for mini-pickup, good delivery van if repainted.	6'6"	6'3"	15'6"				good
1	Late 60's Dodge Challenger, blue with white top, red interior	4'7"	6'4"	15'2"				good
4	57 Chev Poor proportions							
73	Model A Ford Too large							
64	Caterpillar Bulldozer with roll cab	7'6"	7'9"	13'				vr gd
15	Forklift, no roll bar, red, lumber yard size	8'	5'6"	14'4"				good
74	Mercury Cougar Station Wagon, green slightly small	4'3"	5'4"	16'				good
23	65 Mustang White Fill in hood for stock appearance	4'	5'8"	14'6"				good
	MATCHBOX SUPER KINGS							
	DAF Flatbed Truck - Green, red, white interior	8'9"	8'4"	29'6"				exc.
	HOT WHEELS							
1133	Dodge D-50 mini-pickup with topper red/white, hood scoop should be filled	5'3" in.	5'6"	15'2"				vr gd
1690	Ford Bronco, Black, motorcycle on rear 4WD	6'6"	6'	15'				vr gd
2022	Ford Van, Hood opens, 4WD	6'10"	5'10"	14'10"				fair
	POCKET CARS							
226-2-1	Land Rover, tan, doors open	6'6"	5'	13'6"				exc
134-F13	1915 Model T Delivery Van, white, bread delivery, red fenders	7'4"	5'10"	11'10"				exc
195-F20	VW Bug, Yellow, smaller than ERTL Bug (closest to proper size I've seen)	5'	5'6"	13'10"	4'8"	4'10"	13'5"	vr gd
	ROAD CHAMPS							
1064	Chev Blazer, variety of colors	6'	6'8"	15'6"	5'10"	6'6"		exc
1009	VW Bug cream colored slightly large but smaller than ERTL	5'3"	5'6"	14'8"	4'8"	4'10"	13'5"	good
1366	Forklift, Blue, no roll bar, lumber yard size	8'	5'3"	14'3"				good
6103	81 Mustang, Brown	4'6"	5'7"	14'8"				exc.
	Chevette, Red	4'3"	5'8"	14'3"				exc
	TOOTSIETOY							
	Winnebago RV (travel home)	8'3"	7'4"	26'4"				fair

HOT WHEELS

Mfr's #	Description	S - Scale High	S - Scale Wide	S - Scale Long	Prototype High	Prototype Wide	Prototype Long	Quality
9647	56 Ford Pickup - Blue with lake pipes and 2 motorcycles in rear. Not too much work to make stock.	5'9"	6'4"	14'10"				Good
9639	Datsun Z - green with sporty paint job	4'8"	5'10"	15'				vr gd
1125	80 Mustang - Yellow with sporty paint job	4'8"	6'	15'6"				vr gd
1692	Omni - Grey	4'9"	6'	13'9"				vr gd
1693	Chev Citation - White with red stripe	4'4"	5'6"	14'6"				vr gd
1695	1920's Fire truck - hose, ladder, pump open cab	5'6"	5'9"	16'8"				exc.
9643	US Mail Van - Could be repainted to be very nice delivery van. Axles set slightly to close to chassis. Body should be raised.	7'	6'	14'10"				good
7650	Rescue Squad - with repaint would make very good maintenance or utility truck	5'8"	5'8"	16'				vr gd
2509	Late 70's Chev pickup - 4wd w/roll bar also avbl with snow plow - blue or green	6'4"	6'6"	15'				fair
2014	Pontiac Firebird - Black avbl from several mfr's (Cannonball Movie car)	4'	5'2"	14'9"				good
1132	34 Ford Coupe - Red w/black fenders Hot rod style could be converted to stock fairly easily	5'6"	5'6"	14'6"				good
2016	Model A Sedan Delivery - Green w/dk grn fenders. Hot rod style, easily converted to stock	6'4"	6'	13'6"				good
	40 Ford Woodie Wagon - tan Hot rod style, easy to convert to stock	6'3"	5'9"	15'9"				vr gd
	Caterpillar Forklift - Lumber yard size too large for dock	8'	5'8"	14'				exc.
7647	Torino, Black stock car racer, repaint for stock condition	4'3"	5'8"	15'9"				good
1696	37 Bugatti black,red							good
	Ford Tow Truck white and blue							good
	Ford Armored Car red							good
	CORGI							
56092	57 T-bird Red conv w/continental wheel. Hood opens	4'	6'	14'4"				exc.
	ZEE TOYS (WINDRACERS, MINI-MACKS)							
	57 T-bird Hardtop w/continental wheel	3'10"	5'8"	14'				good
	Forklift, orange with roll bars Lumber yard size	8'	5'8"	14'				fair
	ROAD CHAMPS							
	Honda Civic, Ford Fiesta, VW Scirrocco, Corvette, Mazda, Jaguar							
	ERTL - Most vehicles are very accurate but VW Bug and Ford T-bird are oversize.							

"S" Gauge Is Growing!

N.A.S.G. - C.V.S.G. REGISTRATION

1982 "LAKESHORE SPECIAL"

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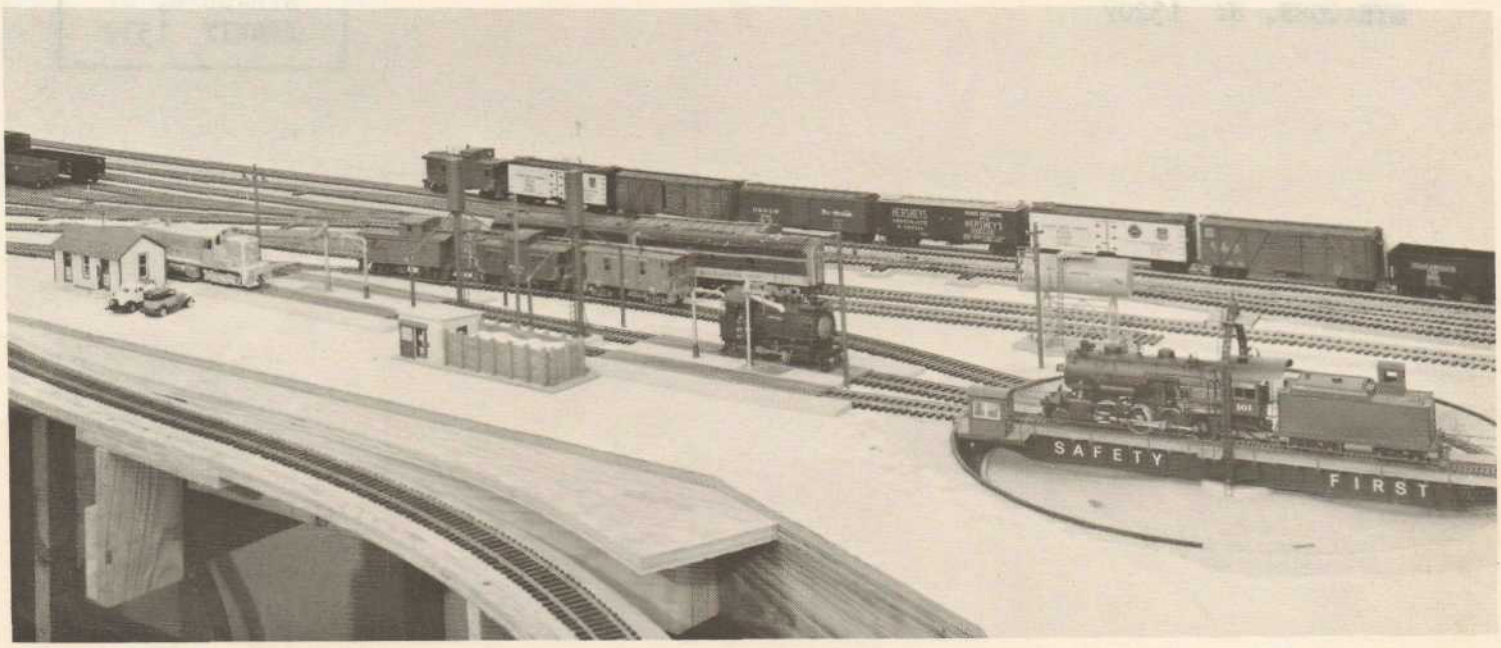
3567 Antisdale Avenue
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118

These are the Houston S Gaugers. They are (from left to right): John Siller, Jerry Brewer, Jack Troxell, "Rusty" Paulus, Fred Little, and Bob Werre.



These are the engine facilities on Jack Troxell's Houston and Gulf Coast. The locomotives are from Alco, Dayton, Rex and Nord. Most of the structures were built from kits.

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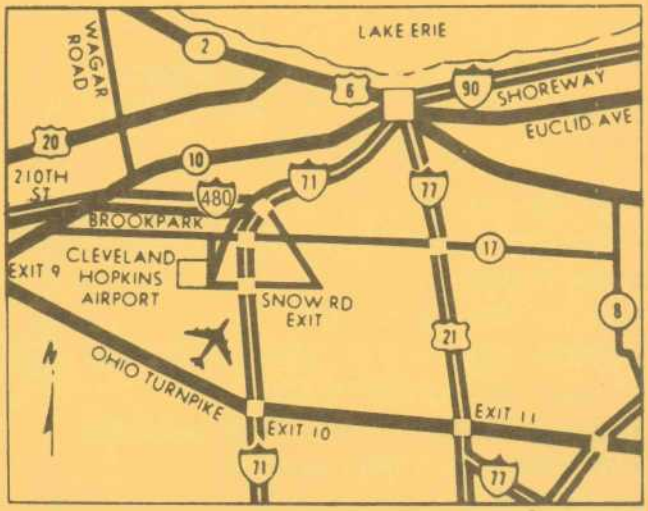
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