

Welcome to Division 5 - *The Western Reserve Division*

Mid Central Region - National Model Railroad Association

P.O. Box 5081, Mentor, OH 44061 - www.mcr5.org



What is Div 5? Division 5 is part of the National Model Railroad Association. The NMRA is broken into geographic Regions and the Regions are broken into Divisions. Division 5 is part of the Mid Central Region. Members of the NMRA that live in the Ohio counties of Lake, Geauga, and Ashtabula are automatically members of Division 5. You must be a member of the NMRA to be a member of Division 5, but everyone is more than welcome to attend our meetings.

Goals: Promote the hobby of model railroading, promote fellowship among NMRA members, provide a common meeting ground for social activities, and to engage in any and all activities that will enhance the hobby of model railroading.

Meetings: Division 5 meetings are on the first Friday of every month at 7:30 pm. The majority of our meetings are held at the Hambden Township Hall, 13887 GAR Highway (Rt. 6), Chardon, Ohio (see the map below). This facility is handicapped accessible and non-smoking. We do occasionally have a meeting at some other special location. It is best to check with one of the Division officers about where the next meeting will be held. The first part of the meeting is our business meeting that usually lasts from 30 to 45 minutes. We then have a Bring & Brag time where members talk about railroad related items they have brought to the meeting to show. We then break for refreshments, a raffle, and take time to look at the Bring & Brag items. The final event for the evening is a model railroading related program that may be a clinic on how to perform some modeling technique, a slide show, a guest speaker, or the viewing of a train related video. The meeting is usually over between 9:30 and 10:00 p.m.

Officers:

Superintendent -	Al Cap	11463 Willow Hill Dr, Chesterland, OH 44026-1363	(440) 729-1458
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Our newsletter is called *The Trainwire*. It is published monthly and sent to all members of Division 5. Non-members may purchase a paper subscription for \$12 a year or get it electronically for free from our website at www.mcr5.org/news.htm.

What is Railfest?

Railfest is Division 5's primary money making activity for the year. Since it was started in 1984, it has grown into one the best and largest train shows in the area. Emphasis is placed on making this a family activity. Not only are there a large number of model railroad dealers, but also there are many operating model railroad displays. Railfest is held every year in March at Lakeland Community College in Kirtland, Ohio. The date is typically the third weekend of March, but it depends on the college's schedule.



The National Model Railroad Association

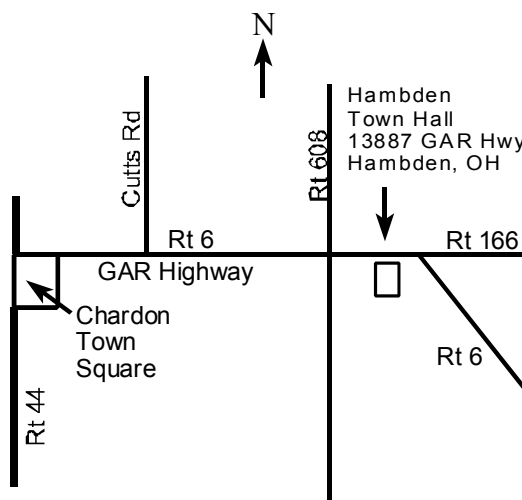
What you'll get when you join...

- MONTHLY MAGAZINE
- STANDARDS
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- FELLOWSHIP
- FUN

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- HERITAGE SERIES
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- TAPE/SLIDE CLINICS
- SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS
- PROTOTYPE INFORMATION

Model Railroading is fun!
Come and join us!
Visitors Always Welcome!



Map to Hambden Town Hall

Some Upcoming NMRA-Related Model Railroading Events

- Model railroad displays at Lake County Farm Park, Kirtland, Ohio – May 2-3, 2009 (N and HO layouts – 12' x 40')
- NMRA 2009 National Convention – Hartford, CT – July 5-11, 2009
- Division 5 HO Modular Layout setup at Willoughby City Hall for Willoughby Railroad Days – Aug 2009
- Division 4 “Carnival 2009” Train Show – Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, Berea, Ohio – Oct 3-4, 2009
- Division 5 Model Railroading Promotional Day 2009 - Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, Ohio – Nov 7, 2009
- Model railroad display at Lake County Farm Park, Kirtland, Ohio - Dec 2009 (first 2 weeks HO scale, second 2 weeks N scale)
- Railfest 2009 - Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, Ohio – March 20-21, 2010

There are train shows being held almost weekly within a couple hours drive. These shows are listed in some of the major model railroading magazines and on their websites. There are both Non-profit and For-profit organizations putting on these train shows. In order to support the hobby, Division 5 urges you to support the non-profit groups by attending their shows and club open-houses, since this is usually the one and only money-raising project they have for the year.

Area Railfanning - We are fortunate to have several mainline railroads running through our area, Norfolk Southern and CSX. There is also the small regional railroad, the Wheeling and Lake Erie. There are quite a few public spots from which to watch the trains go by. **Remember; do not trespass on railroad property!** This is for your own safety as well as to maintain a good relationship between the railroads and the railfans.

Railroading On The Internet

For those of you with Internet access, there are an incredible number of web sites and e-mail lists that deal with model railroading and prototype railroading. Model train manufacturers, mail order hobby shops, standards organizations like the NMRA and N-Trak, clubs, historical societies, general information sites, prototype railroads, personal sites that provide information about that person's model railroad or specific interests, railfanning, you name it, there are internet web sites for it. The following are a just a few sites to get you started. These sites provide numerous links to other sites, and so will help you find what you are interested in.

Western Reserve Division (NMRA – Mid Central Region – Division 5) – www.mcr5.org

National Model Railroad Association - www.nmra.org - huge list of model railroad web links

NMRA Mid Central Region - www.midcentral-region-nmra.org

Northern Ohio Association of Railway Societies - www.noars.org

Lake Erie N-scale Society - www.geocities.com/lensohio

Lake Shore Live Steamers - www.lakeshorelivesteamers.com

Cleveland Railfan - clevelandrails.railfan.net

Walthers - www.walthers.com Manufacturer of quality HO and N scale rolling stock, structures, and locomotives, as well as a major distributor for the hobby.



The contact information for the National Model Railroad Association is listed below:



NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION, INC.

4121 Cromwell Road

Chattanooga, TN 37421-2119

Phone (423) 892-2846 FAX (423) 899-4869

Email: nmrahq@aol.com Website: www.nmra.org

To join the NMRA, fill out and mail the attached membership application or join online at www.nmra.org.

Area Hobby Dealers Supporting Model Railroading

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(Information on model railroad groups in the Ashtabula, Lake, and Geauga county area)

The Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum

Description: Permanent HO-scale, N-scale, and three rail O-gauge layouts under construction. Various displays, pictures, and magazines for viewing. Non-profit educational organization promoting model railroading and trains in general.

Hours: Tuesday & Thursday: 5:00PM-9:00PM; Saturday: 10:00AM - 5:00PM; Sunday: Noon - 5:00 pm;
other times by appointment

Contact: Rick Montgomery, 7471 Tyler Boulevard, Unit L, Mentor, OH 44060 440-251-0350 www.wrmrrm.shutterfly.com

Ohio Northern Operating Group

Description: Operating group on Harley Smith's HO Ohio Northern Railroad. Everyone welcome. You can bring your own equipment to run. Informal group. No dues. Emphasis is on prototype operations and having fun!

Meets: Third Saturday of every month at 7:00 pm at Harley Smith's home, 13630 GAR Highway (Rt. 6, 3 miles east of Chardon Sqare), Chardon (Hambden Township), Ohio 44024

Contact: Harley Smith 440-286-4890

Lake Erie N-Scale Society (LENS)

Description: Informal N-scale group. Majority of members have N-Trak modules but it is not a requirement. Set-up N-Trak modules 4 to 6 times a year. Over 40 modules within the group. Occasional clinics during monthly meetings. No dues.

Meets: Fourth Friday of every month at members' homes, mainly Lake and Geauga counties but all are welcome.

Contact: Dennis 440-352-7081 lensohio@yahoo.com www.geocities.com/lensohio

Lake Shore Live Steamers

Description: For people interested in live steam and gas powered machinery including trains, farm machinery, marine equipment, and stationary machinery. The group has 1½", 1", and ¾" scale trackage at Lake Metroparks' Penitentiary Glen Nature Center in Kirtland, Ohio. Formal club. Various levels of membership. Standard adult dues are \$40/year; Associate \$20; \$13 for junior membership. Regular run days - schedule available at Penitentiary Glen park building.

Meets: Third Saturday of every month at 7:00 pm at Penitentiary Glen Nature Center, 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Rd, Kirtland, OH. Regular weekly work sessions are held on Wednesday nights when Daylight Savings Time is in effect. Anyone is welcome to come to a work session to see what the group is all about.

Contact: Karl Losely, 440-259-5649, 8920 Jackson Street Mentor OH 44060-4322 www.lakeshorelivesteamers.com

Ashtabula Area Operating Group

Description: Informal, round robin HO model railroad operating and social group. No dues. Everyone welcome.

Meets: Every Tuesday at 7:30 pm at members' homes in the Ashtabula area

Contact: Bob Palmer 440-997-9036 or Gary Shaffer 440-224-1884

Northern Ohio S Scalers

Description: Informal S Scale club started December 1998. Goals are to promote model railroading, improve modeling skills of the members, and to have fun with the hobby. Emphasis is on 1:64 scale with no restrictions on gauge, era, or prototype. One-time dues are \$15 when joining the club.

Meets: Last Sunday of every month at 2 pm in members' homes.

Contact: Jack Sudimak at 330-725-4698

Cuyahoga Valley S Gaugers

Description: S-gauge club open to all: scale, narrow gauge, tin plate, hi-rail, and collectors. Three portable layouts: sectional hi-rail, modular scale with both standard and 3 ft narrow gauge, and a traditional American Flyer. Formal club. \$15 dues.

Meets: Third Sunday of every month in the evening at members' homes.

Contact: Lee McCarty-Pres., 440-526-9864, 8727 Broadview Rd, Broadview Hts, OH 44147 - macsir@aol.com - www.cvsga.org

Narrow Gauge Society

Description: Informal club with periodic gatherings. Covers narrow gauge railroads (rails less than 58 ½ inches apart, but generally lines of 2 foot or 3 foot gauge). Members from Canton and Mansfield to Bay Village and Mentor (Ohio). Sporadic newsletter.

Meets: About six meetings a year at members' homes.

Contact: Lake County contact: Ted Wiese at 440-256-5212 or e-mail: mearsted@adelphia.net

Western Reserve Railroad Association

Description: Organization committed to saving and restoring the Painesville Depot in Painesville, Ohio. The plan is to make the depot a museum for the railroads and interurbans of Lake County. Our goal is to restore the structure to a useful purpose again!

Contact: nycdepot@ncweb.com www.ncweb.com/org/nycdepot