



Div 5 Holiday Party

Friday, December 3, 2010

**Door opens at 6:30 pm
Dinner served at 7:00 pm**

**Hambden Town Hall
13887 GAR Highway (Route 6)
Chardon, OH 44024**

- 6:30 PM - Social Time
- 7:00 PM - Buffet Dinner
- 7:45 PM - Model RR Estate Planning
- 8:15 PM - Losers Raffle
- 8:30 PM - Railfanning Around The World
- 9:15 PM - Gift Exchanges (Rail and Non-Rail)

\$ 8 for Division 5 member
\$ 8 for one guest of a Division member
\$10 for each additional guest

Advance sign-up and payment is required. Cut-off date is November 29th.

Dale Smith or Bonnie Lette will be collecting the money for this event. Make your reservation by calling Dale Smith at 440-286-4932 or emailing Dale.Smith@mcr5.org.

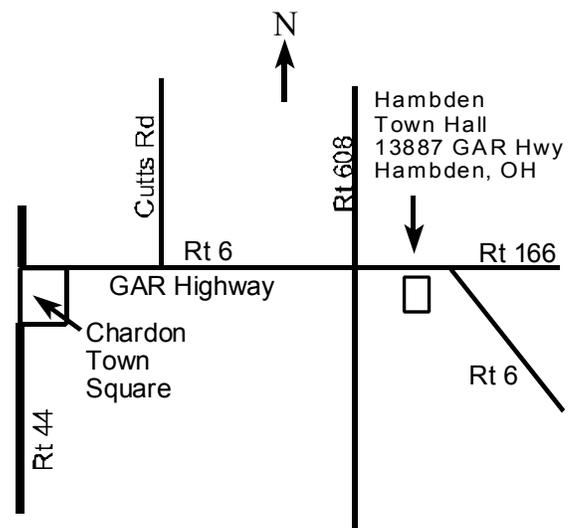
Payment needed by November 29.

**No Regular
Membership
Meeting
In December**

Join Us For The Party!

Map To Hambden Town Hall

(Located on Rt. 6 between the intersection of Rt. 608 and Rt. 166 next to Hambden Elementary School east of Chardon.)



Map to Hambden Town Hall



Off the Mainline...

By Eric Hansmann
Division 5 Assistant Superintendent



A few months ago a news story caught my ear concerning a study on social relationships. Researchers at Brigham Young University had reviewed data that further supported a couple of interesting lifestyle aspects. They found that social relationships help you live longer. In conjunction with this nugget, they also found that reducing stress is a healthy lifestyle choice.

These points really aren't news as they seem to be a way of life for many people. If we look at these statements from a hobby point of view, we could extrapolate that being a model railroader can help you live longer and reduce your stress levels. I've come along in this hobby among many friends and mentors. As an active NMRA member, I enjoy attending the monthly meetings to see familiar faces and listen to the energy that other members have expended upon the models they describe at

bring and brag. The attention to details on models may seem trivial to some, and even nerve-racking if you have a project that is just a bit beyond your current skill levels. But if you compare your hobby efforts to your everyday work routine it is a different story. I recall many evenings after a long day where I've sat down to work on a model. After only an hour or so I felt much less stressed. Just changing your focus and energy into a creative outlet can remove many of the worries from earlier in the day.

It is an interesting relationship between our hobby and our health. This kind of came to mind at the meeting last month as I listened to several members describe their bring and brag entries. There were sixteen models on display, plus some examples of do-it-yourself backdrops. One of the people with a bring and brag entry was someone new to the area and attending a meeting for the first time. It does us all a bit of good to come out to a meeting every now and then. We may even learn a new technique or gain a better understanding of a prototype just by listening to the program, or by listening to someone describe their model, or by talking to someone else at the meeting. Take advantage of these local meetings, as it is one of the great benefits of your NMRA membership. We tend to learn better from each other than on our own. Think of it as a healthy choice.

The Holiday Party is December 3rd, so make your reservations now to attend. More details can be found in this issue of the Trainwire. I am gathering bring and brag categories and presentations for 2011. If you have some ideas, please drop me an email or give me a call. See you at the next meeting!



Division 5 Company Store Items

- O scale Sugar Houses @ \$36/each
- HO scale Sugar Houses @ \$24/each
- N scale Sugar Houses @ \$17/each
- HO scale Western Reserve RR Reefers @ \$12/each
- N scale Western Reserve RR Reefers (two numbers) @ \$12/each or two for \$22
- Division 5 Pins @ \$2/each
- Division 5 "Pentagon" Patch @ \$2/each

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS



December 3

No meeting – Holiday Party

January 7

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: Entering Your Model In An
 NMRA Contest
 Bring & Brag: Automobile Carriers

February 4

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: ???
 Bring & Brag: ???

March 4

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: ???
 Bring & Brag: ???

April 1

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: Rails Of Ages Convention
 Operations
 Bring & Brag: ???

The Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum

7230 Justin Way
 Mentor, Ohio 44060
 440-251-0350 info@wrmm.org

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Fall-Winter-Spring Hours

Monday thru Thursday 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm
 Friday - Closed
 Saturdays 10 am to 5 pm
 Sundays Noon to 5 pm

SCHEDULES



Div 5 Holiday Party
 Hambden Town Hall

Dec 3

Country Lights

Lake Farmpark, Kirtland, OH
 HO modules set up Dec 3-11
 LENS N-Trak modules set Dec 12-23

Dec 3 - 23

Western Reserve Model RR Museum Open House

Mentor, OH
www.wrmm.org

Dec 4 – 5

Youngstown Model RR Club Open House

Youngstown, OH
www.youngstownmodelrailroadasn.org

Dec 4 – 5

Western PA Model RR Museum Nov 13 to 23rd Annual Holiday Train Display Jan 23

Gibsonia, PA
www.wpmrm.org

Modular Layouts At Winterfest

The Lodge At Geneva-on-the-Lake
 Geneva, OH

Feb 5-6

Div 5 Railfest 2011

Lakeland Community College
www.mcr5.org/NMRA/railfest.htm

Mar 19-20

Rails Of Ages Convention

Geneva-on-the-Lake, OH
www.RailsOfAges.org

Apr 28 – May 1

2011 NMRA National Convention

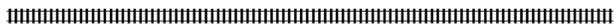
Extra 2011 West
 Sacramento, CA
www.x2011west.org

Jul 3-9

January Trainwire Deadline Dec 21

NMRA News

If you recall, the Union Pacific sponsored a photo contest last summer. Entrants were asked to model and then photograph a UP scene. The grand prize was a day-long ride in the cab of a UP steamer. The winner, who was chosen from the over-100 photographs entered, was Harlan "Buzz" Lenander. Buzz had his day in the cab on October 4 on a fantrip that started in the Kansas City (Missouri) Union Station and ended at the old Missouri Pacific Depot in Jefferson City, Missouri. The trip took place October 4. The Union Pacific displayed a congratulatory message on both sides of the Reed Jackson, one of their preeminent steam engines. The UP also posted a short movie clip featuring Buzz and the model he photographed. You can download that clip from: http://www.uprr.com/newsinfo/attachments/media_kit/steam/2010/mo-river-eagle/video/1004_a.wmv Watch *NMRA Magazine* for the full story.



The National NMRA Board and officers are already preparing for the upcoming Winter Board of Directors meeting by preparing a list of topics to bring up for discussion. The winter Board Meeting is being held concurrently with the Budget and Operations meetings this year in Las Vegas at the Palace Station Hotel (about 5 miles from the airport). The Budget and Operations meetings, which are by invitation only, begin on Tuesday, February 22 at 9 a.m. The Board Meeting runs from 9 to 5 (or later) on Wednesday, February 23, and 9 to 5 (or later) on Thursday, February 24. All NMRA members are welcome to attend.

**Division 5 Membership
as of October 1, 2010**

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www.MCR5.org

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Don Bittner	440-257-7555

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Holiday Party Gift Exchange Rules

There will once again be **two** gift exchange categories: **Rail and Non-Rail**. For the **Rail category**, bring a model railroad-related gift costing from **\$12 to \$15** to the party. **Mark on the gift what scale it is** such as "HO", "N", "Any", etc. For the **Non-Rail category**, bring a gift costing from **\$12 to \$15** to the party that you think someone else would enjoy. Make sure you place your gift on the appropriate table for the category you are participating in and take a number from the basket.



Note: Only those bringing a gift may participate!



For each category, the gift exchange will operate as follows: A number will be picked at random as the starting number. The person with the starting number (Person #1) picks a gift from the table, opens it, and shows it to everyone. The person with the next number (Person #2) can then either pick a gift from the table or take the gift from #1. If he takes the one from #1, then #1 gets to pick another gift from the table. Person #3 can then either pick a gift from the table or take the gift from either #1 or #2. If someone has their gift taken, they get to pick a new one from the table or take one of the gifts from someone else. They cannot take back the gift that was just taken from them! This continues with each person having the choice of either picking a gift from the table or taking a gift from one of the other participants until everyone has a gift. At the end, the Person #1 then gets to trade their gift with any of the other people. If you want, you can bring more than one gift so that you can get additional picks. It is a lot of fun and everyone is encouraged to participate!

Holiday Party Losers Raffle Rules

At the end of each year, we take all the losing raffle tickets from our Division meetings since January, dump them all together, and then draw 19 tickets. The prizes are Division Award Certificates in various dollar amounts, depending on the order your name is drawn. Thus, you have a second chance of winning something with your losing raffle tickets from the monthly meeting raffle! Only one prize per member, though. Once your name has been drawn, you are not eligible for another prize. You do not have to be present to win. Only Division 5 members are eligible. The prize breakdown is as follows:

Order	Amount	Order	Amount	Order	Amount
1	\$100	8	\$25	15	\$25
2	\$75	9	\$25	16	\$25
3	\$60	10	\$25	17	\$25
4	\$50	11	\$25	18	\$25
5	\$40	12	\$25	19	\$20
6	\$30	13	\$25		
7	\$30	14	\$25		

Promo Day 2010 Review

by Bruce Lutheran

As previously mentioned, Promo Day was a Division activity that was held Nov. 6 from 10:00 to 3:00 at Lakeland College. I wanted to say that the day was very successful, despite the bad weather that greeted us that Saturday morning day. It took a lot of effort and planning to pull it off, but it turned out great for all those who attended.

To my fellow clinicians below, I want to thank each for their effort in their dedication to making Promo Day well received by the public.

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| 1: Dave Hanna – Track Laying | 4: Dave Neff - Railroad Basics |
| 2: Matt Kross – Scenery | 5: Dick Roth – Electrical |
| 3: Dale Smith – Basic Benchwork | |

Right from the start, Dale Smith had a big crowd. The people sat down and listened very attentively to what he was presenting. Many asked some very good questions about the basics, exactly what we, as a group, were trying to do.

Going around the gym, Dave Hanna had a track-laying set-up and although he never got a “big” crowd, he was busy with many people throughout the day in smaller groups.

Next around the gym, was Dick Roth, giving a clinic on the basics of electrical wiring and soldering. Dick was also very busy and attracted larger groups of people asking every kind of question about electronics. I talked to Dick afterwards and he told me he even got a homework assignment, checking into proper wiring of the common rail for O-scale!

Next to Dick, was Dave Neff, who set-up a clinic on the basics of model railroading. Dave had a “hit and miss” type of crowd for his clinic, as he had a big crowd once and then many smaller 2-3-person groups asking questions.

Again going around the gym, I put on my clinic about Plastic model building. I never got a “big” crowd, however, I was kept busy most of the time with smaller 2-3 person groups, also. Sitting next to me was Tom Carr, who pulled out one of his building kits and worked on it all day. Between Tom and I, we covered many questions about building plastic models. When I was busy with someone, Tom was available to answer anybody else and vice-versa.



Next up was the Busiest man of the day, Matt Kross, with his scenery clinic. As it turned out, Matt's one-hour clinics became an all-day, on going clinic. Almost from the start of the day till we were done for the day, Matt was explaining the "how to's" of scenery! Matt did an excellent job explaining the basics of scenery and, as people asked, the more in-depth areas of scenery.



In the center area of the gym, there were 3 set-ups. Sam Monturi had one of the modules from the HO module group, Bill Berger had Eric Hansmann's switching layout, and there was an HO layout that was donated to be raffled off at the end of the day. Many people throughout the day stopped at the module and asked questions of Sam. Bill, on the other hand, explained the idea behind switching and had several people stop and try their hand at it. Bill told me that he had people there from 10 minutes to an hour and a half!



A table was set-up by Dale giving away many old magazines and catalogs, and by the end of the day, most of it was gone.

On the other side of the door was Bonnie and Wayne Lette's switch-back N-Trak module. As I thought it might be, it turned out to be a hit with the public, as many people stopped by and asked questions about it.



I had several "walk-around experts", including Dick Naramore, Don Bittner, Rich Kacprzak, Mike Harkelroad, and Pat Flash who acted as both directors to people's questions and as experts in answering the "other questions" raised by the many people throughout the day.

I also want to thank Bob Frieden for helping make the Lakeland gym available to us and for allowing us to be part of his O 2-Rail Show.

Overall, it turned out to be a very successful day. We had people from as far away as Macedonia and Erie attend. Many people expressed their gratitude to our division for putting this program on.

Thank you to all.



Promo Day Raffle Winners

N Layout: Mike Harkelroad

HO Layout: Daryl Metcalf



Promo Day 2010 Pictures

Photographs by
Bill Berger
and
Bonnie Lette



Modular Layouts At Farmpark's "Country Lights"

The following are the dates and times for setup, operations, and tear down for both the HO and N modular layouts at Lake Farmpark in Kirtland, Ohio. Both the HO and N groups welcome all the help they can get!

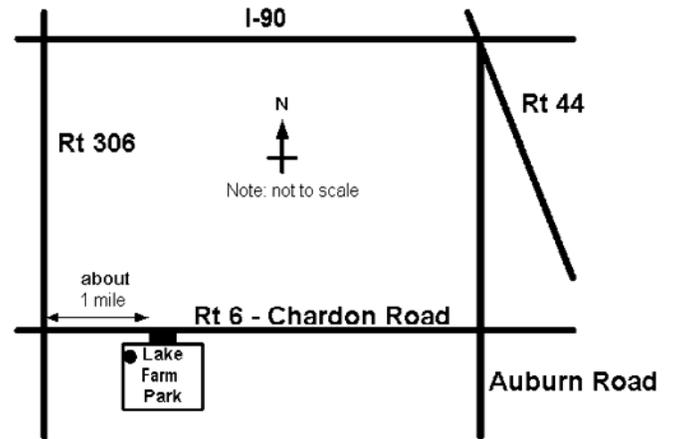
HO Modules:

Setup: ?
 Layout running: Dec 3 – 11
 Teardown: Dec 11 at 9:00 pm

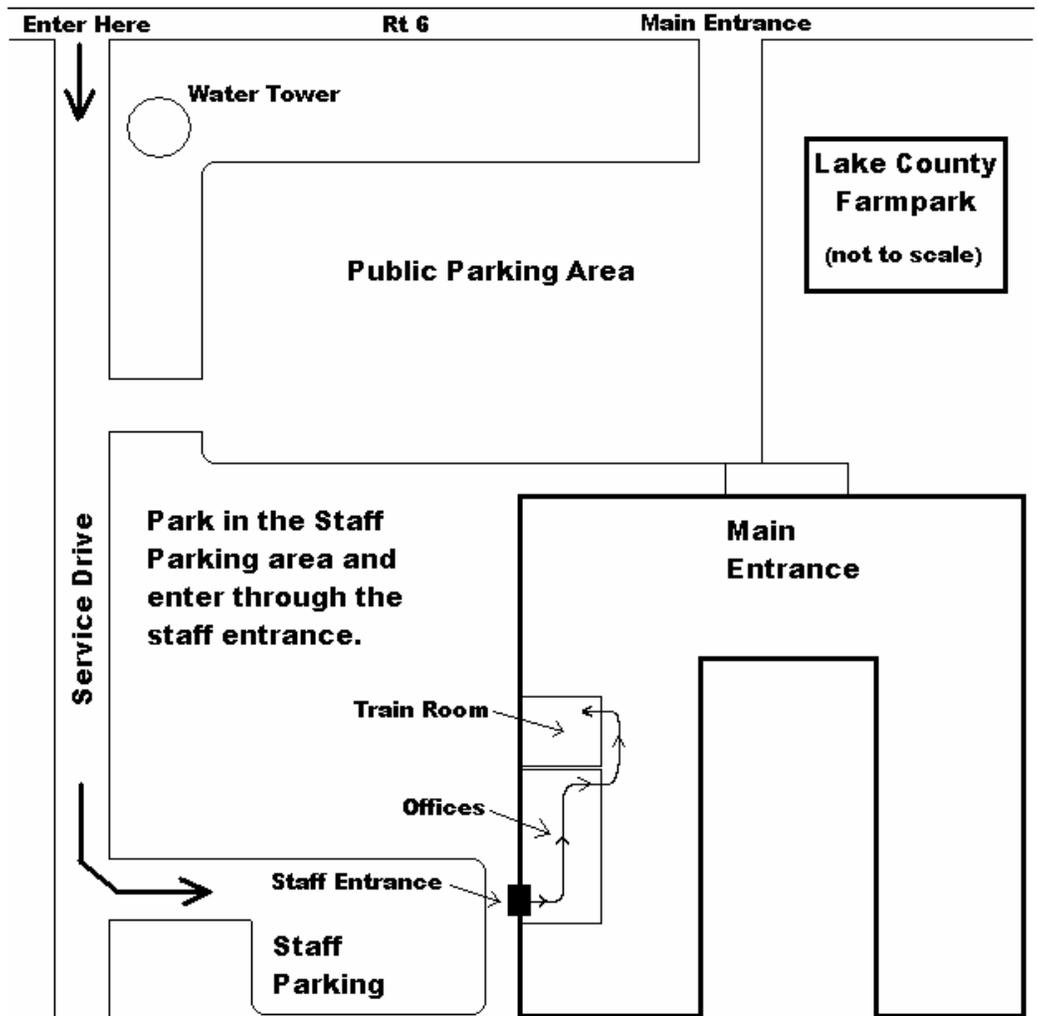
N Modules:

Setup: Dec 12 at 1:00 pm
 Layout running: Dec 12 – 23
 Teardown: Dec 23 at 9:00 pm
 Special needs program: Dec 16 morning

Breakfast with Santa: Dec 4, 5, 11, 12, 17 – 23



It would really help a lot if you could volunteer for at least one night, even if you don't have a module or if you model in another scale. We need lots of people there. Not only to run trains, but for crowd control and to answer questions. The train layout usually develops a lot of interest in our Division and model railroading.



Rethinking Your Layout – Change is for the Better!

By Ken Stroebel

For many, working on a layout is a labor of love, and the layout is always a work in progress, never quite completed. For others, a layout may get completed, operating sessions run, and at some point the layout is changed to either reflect newer equipment, addition/change of industries, make operations easier or more realistic or for other reasons. And for others still, a new layout is constructed based on a family move or just the need to start over and model something totally different from your previous efforts. For my home HO layout, the Kawartha Lakes Railway, the decision came this fall. After operating on some layouts over the past year and some months of critical critique of the KLR, some serious planning was done as to how the railway might change and improve. So adjustments and demolition are in the works for the KLR.

Before talking about the reason for change, let me digress a moment to give some background and explanation of the KLR for those who are unfamiliar with the layout. The KLR is a fictional shortline, which bridges operations between the two Class 1 operators in southern Ontario, allowing service between CP's Havelock Subdivision and CP's former line from Ottawa to Sudbury. While the railway primarily serves several small to medium sized industries located in the rural locales of Ontario, it's connection with the CP allows another route to service north to south traffic flow without traveling as far east as the busy Montreal corridor to get to northern business. Throughout the KLR, I tried to incorporate the history of the area into the areas that I modeled. While certain key features or aspects couldn't be modeled due to size constraints, I tried to include enough key industries for realistic operations from several key towns, without making the layout too busy. The layout ran between 6-8 trains per day, excluding passenger operations, as well as run-through traffic coming off of the CP's main lines.



Paper mill and industrial complex. Note that lower level to remain while upper trackwork to be relocated.

Like most layouts, the layout has evolved over time, with the original start in 2003-2004. For some of you who attended the 2005 convention and the layout tour, approximately 50% of the upper and lower benchwork was completed. Since that time, the other half of my space in the basement saw the completion of more modules, including my large papermill complex. All of the lower level, with the exception of the yard and mine area, were built as Free-Mo modules, while a good portion of the upper deck was also completed in a modular format. While I have operated the railway as I continued to build new modules and expanded it according to my original plans, the last big step has always been the completion of a 2nd helix to tie upper and lower sections together and allow the railway to operate as a continuous loop. While building a helix is a big job, but not an impossible one, I have purposely avoided starting construction as I just wasn't happy with the overall feel of the railway after operating it for several years.

While I had tried to create a layout with both switching potential and still holding true to the idea of large stretches of space where only the Ontario wilderness was the feature, the railway just seemed compressed and not correct. Not enough switching potential to call it a switching layout and not enough track to give it a main line feeling. So after lots of thought, I decided that the railway would be better thought of as two branchlines coming off a central switching yard and town, which is actually more prototypical to the area of Ontario that I have chosen to model. Therefore, the largest industries will stay the Tembec papermill and the Uniman mine, with each operating essentially as a branchline. A common train on the line for my 1985 time period might typically have consisted of three to twenty cars. My fleet of available power consisted of a mixture of 4-axle and 6-axle diesels, with a few 1st generation engines thrown in, but mostly SD40-2's and GP38-2's. For my future layout, train size will decrease to three to ten carloads, depending on which of the industries is being served and their needs. No more long run-through trains as I had originally envisioned. This will focus on more switching efforts and I envision that future operating sessions will center primarily upon switching in the yard, an up/back train to the paper mill, an up/back train to the mine, switching within those respective industries, and then local switching at the 4-5 industries that currently are present. Who knows, maybe I will be able to fit in another



Pembroke area and Uniman mine/helix. Big changes in store for this area.

industry somewhere. Of course this also means I can sell off some unused power and concentrate on placing decoders in more of my fleet, which was another costly project that I had avoided.

The nice thing about making the change is that while some destruction will be needed before construction can begin, the fact that the layout is 75% modular (following Free-Mo standards) allows me to shift things around rather than an outright scrapping of the layout and starting over. It also means that I won't need to re-wire much of the layout, as wiring is current to Free-Mo standards and DCC. For those who have seen the layout, the mine area will be torn out and shifted towards the southern wall of the basement. The upper level modules, which consisted of the town of Pembroke and four industries, will simply be shifted just outside of the edge of the yard. The other narrow, upper-level modules will be re-used, probably as short extensions to both branchlines, or as hidden trackage behind the physical backdrop that will be installed behind the yard. The only thing really lost will be the actual open pit mine backdrop, which was my camouflage to hide the helix. Losing the helix is a large amount of space taken up in the room, for little return in my mind. Anyone want to buy a 26-inch radius helix?



Initial removal of modular elements.

So there you have it. Changes are underfoot and underway. Photos were taken of the last run, which occurred the first weekend in November, and all cars were switched to available tracks at the paper mill or simply boxed up. The first task after cleaning up the loose materials will be removal of the helix, followed by cutting out the current trackage and support structure along the south wall and rebuilding the mine in its place. Then it will be time to shift the yard and start re-installing the modules. My goal is have the layout operational again next summer.

Rails Of Ages



2011 Mid Central Region Convention
Hosted by Division 5 – *The Western Reserve Division*
Celebrating 50 Years Of Railroading
April 28 – May 1, 2011 www.RailsOfAges.org

Do you realize our convention is only 5 months away!

Planning for the Rails Of Ages convention is moving right along. We are working on getting the registration information put together to publish in the January Mid Central Region Kingpin. We have ten tours lined-up, we have 20 confirmed layouts that will be open with another ten possibilities, and 24 clinics to date with room for at least a dozen more. To date, we have 23 Early Registrations, 11 Volunteer Registrations, and 15 Family Members. All the various convention coordinators have been busy getting the details worked out for their areas and materials identified. Check out the details on our website or talk to one of the convention committee members.

We need Division 5 members to step up and help out. The first thing you can do is fill out a Volunteer Registration form (see Matt Kross for a copy or get it from the Div 5 website, not the convention website) and commit to working 8 hours at the convention sometime over the four days. By signing up now, you provide us some money to work with and let us know who we have available to help. If there is a specific area where you would like to help out, let us know. We will have a list of jobs in next month's Trainwire.

Note: You MUST be registered (Volunteer or Regular) to attend the convention activities.

Get the Trainwire in Electronic Format:

In Color, Crisper, Faster, and saves the Division money

If you have internet access, the Division 5 Trainwire is available in electronic form at the Division 5 website: www.mcr5.org. It is in Adobe Acrobat format. The pictures are crisp and clear as well as being in color. If you are willing to accept your copy of the Trainwire in electronic form, please send an e-mail to the Trainwire Editor at Trainwire@mcr5.org and let us know so that we can stop sending the paper copy to you. You will be notified via e-mail each month informing you when the new issue of the Trainwire has been loaded on the website.

Businesses Accepting Division 5 Certificates

The businesses listed below are currently accepting Division 5's award certificates:



Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys	- Willoughby, OH
HobbyTown USA	- Mentor, OH
Train Specialty Company	- Chardon, OH
Village Train Shop	- Perry, OH
Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters	- Geneva, OH



Div 5 BOD Meeting Notes

Submitted by Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on November 15, 2010 at Hambden Town Hall. Those present were Mike Buehner, Eric Hansmann, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Matt Kross, Don Bittner, Dale Smith, and Jim Wendorf.

- The Board reviewed the recent Div 5 Promo Day. Overall, the new format was considered a success. We need to look at other ways to schedule the various demonstrations. We need to focus on the basics for the general public. We need to have a better way to greet attendees and direct them to the various demonstrations. We think we had somewhere between 50 and 70 people attend.
- The Div 5 Holdiay Party details were reviewed. Matt Kross will try to get the Trainwire out before the reservation deadline of November 29th in order to remind people to sign up.
- Jim Wendorf reported that he is beginning to receive Railfest 2011 table reservations. A note was reviewed that Jim is going to send out to the various exhibitors regarding the number of free Railfest admissions that each group will be permitted (15 max). Discussed ways to handle the initial crowd that lines up prior to the show opening on Saturday. We need a better way to handle pre-sale of tickets.
- No Division 5 BOD meeting will be held in December 2010.
- Mike Buehner and Dale Smith reviewed the highlights of the Mid Central Region BOD meeting that they recently attended. Some of the main items were as follows:
 - MCR is going to offer shirts with the MCR logo.
 - MCR is trying to create a region clinician database. They need anyone in the region that is willing to put on a clinic to register their contact information and the clinic description.
 - Division superintendents are now getting copies of their division's roster updates in addition to it going to the division membership chairman.
 - Division reports submitted for the MCR BOD meetings are now being posted on the MCR website for other superintendents to read (requires a secure login).
 - The Region Contest Chair will work with the convention registrar each year to get the list of convention registrants prior to the start of the convention in order to determine what contest judges are available.
 - Division 4 reported on the planning status for the 2014 National NMRA Convention in Cleveland. They emphasized that this is a Northeast Ohio effort (Div 1, Div 4, and Div 5), not just a Div 4 thing.
- Matt Kross and Dale Smith reported on the 2011 MCR Convention planning. A convention committee meeting was held on November 13, 2010. Tours are close to being finalized. We need information on the transportation costs so that we can set the tour prices. The biggest task at this time is to get the convention registration information written up and submitted for publication in the MCR Kingpin in January. This information must be submitted by December 1, 2010. We are having some sample convention shirts made to inspect before ordering the shirts needed for the convention volunteers.
- We received a thank you from the Lake Shore Live Steamers for our donation towards their Hobo Stew Dinner.

- Our Division 5 bank is telling us that we need to maintain a minimum balance in order to keep from being charged a monthly account fee. We are looking into this because we were told that this does not apply to non-profit groups. If it is the case, the BOD voted to maintain the required \$2,000 minimum balance in our Division 5 accounts in order to avoid the monthly charges.
- The Division 5 mileage reimbursement rate for 2011 will be \$0.30 / mile. Mileage reimbursement is only for official Division 5 business and MUST be pre-approved by a Division 5 officer before the trip is taken.
- The Division 5 2011 budget was finalized. The budget is available at Division 5 meetings for members to review. There are several one-time only expenses in 2011 related to the 2011 convention and the Div 5 50th anniversary celebration. As is our policy, the budget expenses for the upcoming year are not to exceed the income we received in the current year.
- Several members of NOARS will be attending our February 2011 Div 5 membership meeting. They will have a few short announcements and be available for questions.

Next Division 5 BOD Meeting
January 17, 2011 - 7:30 PM
(Third Monday of every month)
 Hambden Town Hall
 Chardon, OH

Division 5 Meeting Minutes – November 5, 2010

Assistant Superintendent Eric Hansmann called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm at Hambden Town Hall. There were approximately 24 members and 2 guests present.

- Bring N Brag – Theme for the night: Passenger Cars

Matt Kross	Ken Stroebel	Bill Brodie	Don Bittner
Bill Smith	Bill Berger	Todd Liedel	
- HobbyTownUSA has moved to a new location within the Erie Commons shopping center. It is a smaller space so they have a lot of items on sale to reduce inventory. The layout that was in the old store is for sale.
- Reviewed how Promo Day was going to operate and called for Division 5 members to come help.
- The Mid Central Region is really trying to get a database together of clinicians and their clinic descriptions. If you have a clinic prepared and would like to be added to the database, contact Mike Buehner. They need your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and clinic subject.
- Reviewed the plans for next month's Holiday Party. A sign-up sheet was available for reservations.
- Program for the evening: Model Railroad Operations / Portable Switching Layout – Eric Hansmann brought a 2' x 8' HO switching layout that he and his former club in Morgantown, WV built. Erick talked about simulating prototype switching operations on a model railroad and demonstrated them on the layout. He used switchlists and explained how this can be very inexpensive and fun.
- The business meeting was very short. There wasn't any Old Business or New Business brought up. There was a request for clarification about the processing/budgeting of funds requested by outside groups as mentioned in the BOD minutes. It was noted that the issue in question was only for non-Division 5 funding requests. The BOD will allocate a certain amount of money each year for donations to outside model railroad groups that request funds to help them promote the hobby. Each request will be reviewed as it is received and the BOD will determine whether to fund it or not, up to the amount budgeted for the year.

Submitted by Matt Kross - Clerk

THE TRAINWIRE

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