



The Trainwire.



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A Note from New York State.

I enjoyed sharing the Newburgh & South Shore presentation with members at the August meeting. A few questions came up concerning some web resources so I wanted to share these again with members.

Historic images are featured daily at the Shorpy website. These are good size files that can offer great insight on period buildings, vehicles, signage and railroads. The images are from collections in the Library of Congress but each image has been enhanced to offer clarity over the originals. Use the search box to find some fabulous images of Cleveland, Railroads, or a subject of your choosing.

<http://www.shorpy.com/>

While Shorpy is great, the Library of Congress is the motherlode of historic images. The American Memory collection contains thousands of images across many other collections. Stunning panoramic images reveal industrial complexes, sprawling cities and extensive vistas. You can easily spend a week of days just trolling through the files.

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>

Locally, the Cleveland Memory project has a large collection of region specific images and maps from the files in the Michael Schwartz Collection of the Cleveland State University Library. There is lots of neat stuff to review and the digital files are great starting point for additional research.

<http://www.clevelandmemory.org/>
 I've enjoyed too few research days at that library and discovered great images and resources. I've posted a few finds on a special webpage. Included here is a scan of the large N&SS map that I believe dates from 1920. Feel free to review and save any of the files shared here.

<http://www.hansmanns.org/finds>

Use these digital resources as tools to assist your modeling efforts. Troll around as much as you like, but make certain you pull yourself away from the screen so you can make progress on your latest model build or on the home layout. Enjoy the links and best of luck to you all. - *Eric Hansmann*



Division 5 Meeting Minutes

August 5th, 2011 7:30 pm

Superintendent Mike Buehner called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. There were 24 members and 7 guests present.

This was **Assistant Superintendent** Eric Hansmann's last Division 5 meeting before he moves to New York. The Division members thanked him for his service and wished him good luck in his new home in eastern New York.

Because of Eric's departure, we need someone to volunteer to fill the remaining **Assistant Superintendent term** which goes through the end of May 2012. If you are interested, contact Superintendent Mike Buehner. Per our Regulations, the Superintendent can appoint someone to fill the term and so no election is needed.

Announcements were made regarding a **steam engine** being at the AC&J in August, Speeder Days on the Oil Creek & Titusville in August, and a person in PA selling off his HO 2ft x 16ft layout.

Division 5 Promo Day 2011 fliers were available at the meeting. See Rob Bowers or Bob Frieden if you need some.

A copy of Assistant Superintendent **Eric Hansmann's** Railroad Model Craftsman article was on display. The Lake Shore Live Steamers newsletter was also on display.

Don Bittner received a Merit Award for his lumber yard model and Dave Hanna received a Merit Award for his PRR K5 steam locomotive. These models were in the 2011 Rails Of Ages convention contest.

Bring & Brag: (no theme for the month)

Skip Giddings
Matt Kross
Dave Neff

Ken Stroebel
Dick Roth
Tom Carr

Bill Berger
Pat Flash
Don Bittner

Ted Wiese
Bill Smith

Wayne Lette gave a brief talk and demonstration of his module leg retrofit design. The design allows for quicker module leg attachment and removal. He will make the needed wood pockets and legs for those interested at a nominal charge.

Eric Hansmann provided the program for the evening. He did a clinic on the Newburg & South Shore Railroad in Cleveland that he is modeling. He showed various pictures, drawings, and maps of the railroad and its surroundings. He talked about how to obtain information about a prototype railroad or a specific geographical area.

Budgets for 2012 need to be submitted to the Div 5 BOD by the October 2011 BOD meeting. If you are a Division 5 member and have a program, event, etc. that you would like to have funded by the Division, you must submit a budget request to the BOD. All Division coordinators need to submit a budget if your area of responsibility requires Division funds.

Jim Wendorf volunteered to help Tony Spena perform the audit on the 2011 Rails Of Ages convention financial books.

We are still in need of some volunteers to be the **Achievement Program coordinator** and Layout Tour coordinator.

The letter from the **NMRA national office** regarding the new NMRA privacy policy was discussed. A copy of the new privacy policy was available for members to read.

Submitted by

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Division 5 BOD Minutes

August 15th, 2011 7:30 pm

The August Division 5 BOD Minutes will be published in the October Trainwire.

Businesses Accepting Division 5 Certificates

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



Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys
Hobby Town USA
Train Specialty Company
Village Train Shop
Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters

Willoughby, Ohio
Mentor, Ohio
Chardon, Ohio
Perry, Ohio
Geneva, Ohio



Please support these dealers!

Division 5's 50th Anniversary Party

Join Us For A Celebration Of Our Division's Golden Anniversary

Sunday September 18, 2011

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Zappitelli's

1820 North Ridge Road

Painesville OH 44077

440-853-8495

Free to Division 5 members and one guest

Additional guests welcome at \$15 per person

Reservations are required!

Reservations must be made by Sep 2, 2011. Reservations will be taken at the August and September Div 5 meetings or by contacting Bonnie Lette (440-298-3075 or e-mail Bonnie.Lette@MCR5.org). Payment for extra guests must be made by September 2, 2011.

Meal will be Chicken Parmesan, Penne Pasta with meatballs, salad, bread and butter. Meal served Family Style. Hot tea and coffee provided with the meal. A Cash Bar will be available.

Note: If you have any dietary issues, contact Bonnie Lette. A meal substitute is available.

We will spend part of the event reviewing the history of the Division, recognizing past officers, and reminiscing about the past 50 years. We are inviting all our past superintendents to attend this event. Any past Division 5 members are also welcome.

We Need Your Help!

We need the following items for our celebration:

Pictures: Past and Present that show Division 5 activities, members, layouts, models, etc.

Models: We would like you to bring your models, past and present, to show modeling over the years. Also, if you have models from past members, please bring these to share. Let us know if you will be bringing items so that we know how much table space we will need.

Memorabilia: Let us know about items that you can bring to show prototype and model railroading over the past 50 years.

50th Anniversary Party Agenda

- 3:00 pm Social Time
- 3:30 pm History of Division 5
 - Recognition of founding members
 - Comments / reminisces from past Superintendents
- 5:00 pm Meal
 - Slides shown during meal
- 6:00 pm Anniversary cake
 - Bring & Brag (special items from the last 50 years)
 - Closing comments



Division 5 Regulations – Proposed Changes

The Division 5 Board Of Directors is proposing changes to the Division 5 Regulations that are described in the following pages. The reasons for the changes are as follows:

- Official name change to agree with our IRS filing
- Change "trustee" to "director" to agree with Ohio laws and regulations
- Change the Treasurer position from an elected position to an appointed position so that there isn't any term limit on the Treasurer. The current Regulations limit the Treasurer to two 2-year terms and so we have to change treasurers after 4 years. It is often difficult to get someone to fill the position of Treasurer plus we have to change all our bank accounts to the name and address of the new Treasurer. We also have to change our various state and federal filing information. By eliminating the need to change Treasurers every four years, it provides for a smoother flow of the Division's financial dealings. We have checked and the NMRA only requires us to have two elected officers.
- Added financial audit requirements so that we have a consistent policy that everyone is aware of and to ensure that the books are reviewed prior to new officers starting their terms.

A full copy of the proposed new Regulations will be mailed within the next month or two to all active Division 5 members along with a ballot to mail back in to cast a vote of "For" or "Against" the proposed changes. If you have any comments or additional changes, please let a Div 5 BOD member know as soon as possible.

The complete Division 5 Regulations as they stand today can be found on the Division 5 website at: <http://www.mcr5.org/NMRA/documents/index.htm>

(Clerk's Note: The following are excerpts of the Div 5 Regulations showing the proposed changes. In general, only the specific lines being changed are shown here. In color copies, all changes are in red. There is a vertical line in the left margin wherever a change has occurred on a line. Items deleted have a line through the text deleted. Items added are underlined.)

(Clerk's Note: Modified the official name of the Division to agree with how it is listed with the IRS)

REGULATIONS OF DIVISION 5 (OF THE) MID-CENTRAL REGION (OF THE) NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED)

(Clerk's Note: Throughout the Regulations, the term "trustee" was changed to "director" to agree with Ohio laws and regulations concerning organizations.)

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(Clerk's Note: In Article 1, modified the official name of the Division to agree with how it is listed with the IRS. Added the statement that we are an official IRS non-profit organization.)

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSES

1. This organization shall be known as Division 5 (*of the*) Mid-Central Region (*of the*) National Model Railroad Association, (*Incorporated,*) also known as the Western Reserve Division, hereinafter referred to as Division 5.

6. The organization is registered as a Federal 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization with the United States Internal Revenue Service.

(Clerk's Note: In Article 3 Section 1, removed Treasurer as an elected officer and in Section 2 added Treasurer as an appointed position. The Treasurer will still be part of the Executive Committee and so that section was changed to specifically list the Treasurer.)

ARTICLE III: MANAGEMENT

1. The elected officers of Division 5 shall be: Superintendent, **and** Assistant Superintendent (*, and Treasurer*). Their term of office ...

(The duties of the Treasurer are:)

(Pay expenses incurred by the Division as authorized by the)

(Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent.)

(Keep records of all receipts and disbursements.)

(Pay approved bills as they are due.)

(Deposit all Division 5 funds in an insured financial institution approved by)

(the Directors.)

(Render a full financial report at each meeting.)

2. The appointed officers of the Division shall be **the Treasurer**, the Clerk, the *Trustees* **Directors**, and the Trainwire Editor. The Superintendent ...

The duties of the Treasurer are:

Pay expenses incurred by the Division as authorized by the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent.

Keep records of all receipts and disbursements.

Pay approved bills as they are due.

Deposit all Division 5 funds in an insured financial institution approved by the Directors.

Render a full financial report at each meeting.

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The duties of the Clerk are:

- ...
- Notify the editor of the NMRA (*Scale Rails*) **official publication** of the time, place, and program of Division 5 meetings.

The duties of the (*Trustees*) **Directors** are to assist the elected officers of the Division in any way possible, to offer guidance and to review the policies and practices in the interest of the general membership.

3. The Board of Directors shall consist of the (*three*) **two** elected officers, **the Treasurer**, the Clerk, the Trainwire Editor, and the four (*Trustees*) **Directors** . The Directors shall ...
4. The Executive Committee, composed of the elected officers **and the Treasurer**, shall act for and report to the Board of Directors on activities between meetings.

The Clerk ...

(Clerk's Note: In Article 9, added financial audit requirements for the Division and events.)

ARTICLE IX: FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

1. The Fiscal year ...
2. In October of each year, a budget ...
 - A. All officers, (*trustees*) **directors**, committee chairpersons, and/or members who have information or projects which would affect the treasury shall submit a budget showing potential expenses and/or income for the upcoming year.
3. No new projects ...
4. **The Division 5 financial books will be audited annually. The audit for the prior fiscal year is to be completed by April 1 of the current year.**
5. **A financial audit will be performed on any Division 5 event that uses a financial accounting system that is separate from the Division 5 financial books. This audit is to be performed within 90 days of the close of the event.**
6. **Financial audits are to be performed by at least two people approved by the Superintendent. The auditors shall not have had any financial responsibility for the Division 5 event being audited.**
7. **A written financial audit report is to be generated by the Auditors within 30 days of the completion of the audit. Copies of the financial audit report are to be provided to the Superintendent, Treasurer, Clerk, and, when applicable, the chairperson of the Division 5 event.**



Carnival '11

Saturday, October 1, 2011
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 2, 2011
11a.m. – 4 p.m.

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds – Berea, Ohio



- Free Parking
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- Over 60,000 sq. ft.
- Over 300 Dealer Tables
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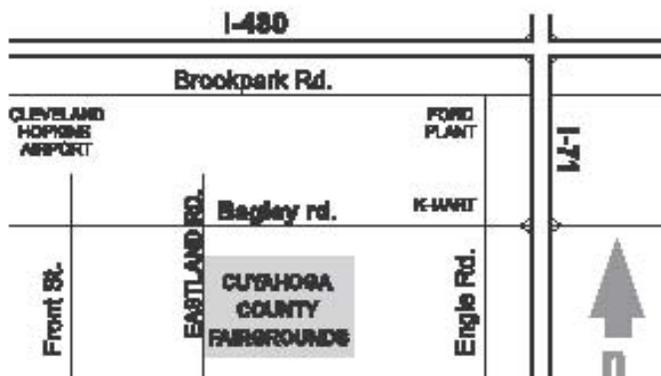
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Under 16 Free with Adult
Special 2-Day Pass \$10.00



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OUR 38TH YEAR!



National Model Railroad Association Mid-Central Region – Division 5

Presents

Model Railroad Promotional Day

Learning

Model Railroad Basics

Saturday, November 5, 2011

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Admission is FREE

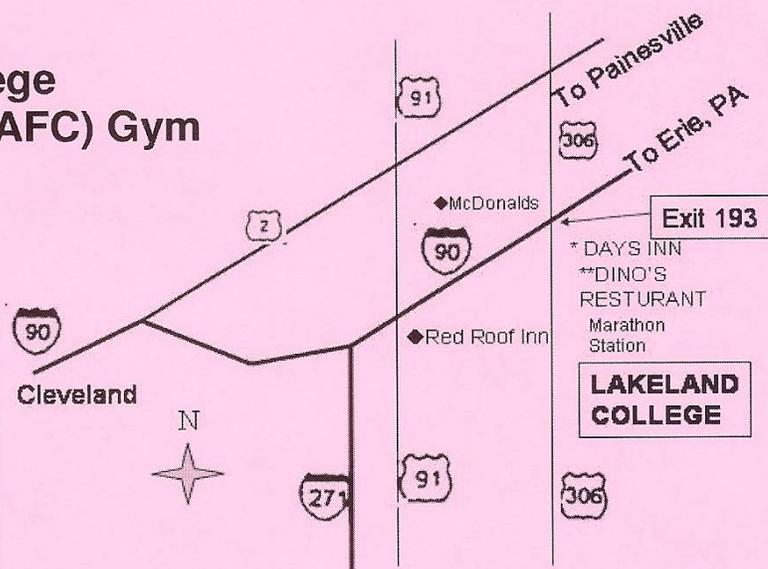


**Division 5 will be presenting classes on the following
Basics of Model Railroading:**

- Basic layout framing - your railroad support structure (Benchwork)
- Basics of laying Track - including the roadbed
- Simple wiring - to run your trains
- Basic Scenery - different construction techniques
- Basic Plastic Model Building - add that station or factory

Attend one or all classes

**Lakeland Community College
Athletic & Fitness Center (AFC) Gym
7700 Clocktower Drive
Kirtland, Ohio 44094**



Note: Under the age of 15, must be accompanied by an adult.

Each Class is taught by experienced model railroader.

Bring your questions, Take home a wealth of knowledge.

For latest up to date info, check www.MCR5.org or email: promoday@mcr5.org

2nd Community
Open House

Party in the Pit

BEST SAND CORP.

Saturday, Sept. 17th from Noon to 5PM

- Plant Tours
- Conceptual Reclamation Map - Future of the Quarry
 - Heavy Equipment Displays
- Sustainable Development Displays
 - Product Displays
- Entertainment for Children
 - Free Food



11830 Ravenna Rd., Chardon

Model Railroad Promotion Day!

The National Model Railroad Association selected November as a month to encourage model railroaders. Many times a modeler, no matter the skill level, has questions about what they are doing. NMRA members have our fellow members to turn to. We could encourage those that do not belong to our group to join us. We open one day a year for PROMO DAY.

We set one day a year aside for training sessions to cover several aspects of our hobby. This gives modelers an opportunity to ask the questions and see experienced hobbyists do their thing. While we are doing this, why not invite these new people to view our layouts?

We will do this on November 5, 2011 at Lakeland Community College.

I am asking all of you to call me at (440) 942-3039 and tell me what you would be willing to help doing. Thank you - *Rob Bowers*



National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

Confidentiality Policy

In order to protect the privacy rights and concerns of our members, the National Model Railroad Association, Inc. is forwarding this statement to all Region and Division personnel. All such personnel are expected to understand and abide by this policy.

Due to changes in the law as well as increased concern over privacy issues and identity theft, it is now NMRA policy that anyone with access to membership information obtained from the national NMRA must agree not to disclose any such information to anyone who is not authorized to have access to the information for official use.

The NMRA is in the process of obtaining permission from each member to disclose his or her personal information to other members, as we have in the past for those wishing to visit or contact other members. Due to changes in the law and increased privacy concerns, we can no longer disclose such information without the consent of the members concerned. Moreover, no information should be disclosed by any NMRA official, elected or appointed, at any level of the NMRA, that would allow those without authorization to obtain personnel information of other members. This would include mass electronic mail distribution with private email addresses in the "to" or "cc" address lines where the information can be read by any recipient.

Currently member information such as name, address, phone number, and email address is made available to each Region membership officer, and is also available to each Region president. Those persons are expected to pass this information along to their Region's Division superintendents and membership officers so that they can use the information for official business. Welcome letters, re-rail letters, newsletters, meeting notifications and the like would be considered official business. Other official mailings to all Region or Division members are also permitted.

This policy strictly prohibits dissemination of member information to 100% NMRA clubs. Such clubs are not part of the NMRA corporate structure, and the NMRA has no way to control how such information would be used. 100% NMRA clubs are clubs whose members are all members of the NMRA, however, they have no other responsibilities to the NMRA. The NMRA HQ will continue to identify if a person is a member of the NMRA to an NMRA club for purposes of confirmation of the person's eligibility for membership in the 100% NMRA club. However, we would request the club to first request a copy of the membership card from the prospective member in order to confirm eligibility.

Any NMRA official who passes personal membership information along to non-authorized individuals runs the risk of being held personally legally liable for this action. Moreover, the NMRA insurance does not apply to such disclosures by region or division officers or personnel.

Further updates of this policy will be issued as they are formulated and adopted by the Board of Directors.

We appreciate that these changes may cause changes in the way that your NMRA organization conducts business and serves its members, but these changes are necessary as the law evolves regarding privacy issues. If you have questions about this policy and how it should be applied, please direct them to me at nmrapres@zoomtown.com or to NMRA General Counsel, Robert J. Amsler, Jr., at legal@hq.nmra.org.

Mike Brestel, NMRA President

June 12, 2011

The August NMRA InfoNet News

Hi, Presidents & Superintendents --

It's August, and this is the NMRA InfoNet News:

Jim Zinser, MMR, and Fred Bock, MMR, have asked me to run this item again: If your Region or Division gives **adult or family classes on model railroading**, Fred Bock, the NMRA's Education Department Assistant Manager, is looking for ideas. Whether your program runs as a one-day seminar or multi-week course, Fred would like to know what your program is about and is looking for lesson plans or other course material. Please email Fred at fbockLSRDiv6@aol.com. Use "Adult Education" as the subject of the email.

The dust has barely settled from the Sacramento convention, when the folks in Grand Rapids are revving up for next year's get-together. In fact, **registration for Grand Rails 2012 is well underway**. Members can visit the website at www.gr2012.org and either register online or download a mail-in form. Non-members can also sign up at that time. Note that currently registration only covers the costs of attending the convention. Furniture City Flyers Club members will receive the complete list of tours, activities, and merchandise in December, followed by advance registrants, then all other members.

The Howell Day Museum is planning a **new release of its extremely popular Commemorative Car #3** -- the Gorre and Daphetid bobber cabooses -- except this run will feature two new road numbers, #3 and #5. As you may know, John Allen was very fond of these cabooses and ran a fleet of them on his G&D railroad. Pricing will be \$19.95 for one car, or \$34.95 for the set of two. Watch for the announcement of their availability at www.nmra.org, or keep your eyes open for the ad which will appear in *NMRA Magazine*.

Again, many of the clinicians at the Sacramento convention have **uploaded their handouts or full presentations** as PDF files to the x2011 website at www.x2011west.org. Anyone can download them. Just look for the Clinics tab, then Clinic Handouts. In case you missed it last month, the Board of Directors selected **Portland, Oregon as the site of the 2015 National Convention**. Details and exact timing of the convention will be announced in the coming months. For a complete summary of the Board of Directors meeting, visit the homepage of our website at www.nmra.org in the next few weeks. The report will also be published in *NMRA Magazine* in the near future.

The 2014 National NMRA Convention will be here before you know it! Start making your plans now. Division 5 is one of the local NMRA divisions helping put on this convention. If you are interested in helping, please contact Dale Smith, Dave Neff, or Matt Kross.



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Bring & Brag	(Open Position)		
Layout Tours	(Open Position)		

The **NKP 765** will once again be running on the Cuyahoga Valley tracks during the month of September. There will be a variety of events each weekend.

Steam in the Valley - Wine-Tasting Excursion

September 9

Steam in the Valley 2011 Departing Akron North-side

September 10 & 11, 24 & 25Steam in the Valley and Beyond - *Total Track Tour***September 17 & 18**

Night Photo Shoot Fitzwater Maintenance Yard

September 17

Steam in the Valley - Dinner Train Excursion

September 23

September Trainwire Deadline
October 20th.

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