



The Trainwire.



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Division 5 Christmas Party.

When: Friday, January 11, 2013 at 6:30 pm
Dinner served at 7:00 pm

Where: Hambden Town Hall (our normal monthly meeting location)
13887 GAR Highway (Route 6) Chardon, OH 44024

Entertainment: Catered Buffet Dinner
Chinese Gift Exchange
Lucky Loser's Raffle Drawing
Program

This year's costs are as follows: \$8 for Division 5 member
\$8 for one guest of a Division 5 member
\$10 for each additional guest or non-Div 5 member

Advance sign-up and payment is required. Cut-off date is January 5th. There will be a sign-up sheet at the December 7th Div 5 meeting. Bonnie Lette will be collecting the money for this event at the meeting. If you can't make it to the meeting, make your reservation by calling Dale Smith at 440-286-4932 or e-mailing to Dale.Smith@mcr5.org. Payment is needed by January 5th.

Chinese Gift Exchange Rules for the Christmas Party

For those people wishing to participate in the Chinese Gift Exchange, bring a **new or unused model railroad related gift** costing approximately \$15 to the party. Mark on the gift what scale it is such as "HO", "N", "Any", etc.

Note: Only those bringing a gift may participate!

All those participating will draw a number out of a hat. The person with #1 picks a gift from the table, opens it, and shows it to everyone. The person with #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. The person with #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 with #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!

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Division 5 Losers Raffle at the Christmas Party

At the end of each year, we take all the losing raffle tickets from our Division meetings since the beginning of the year, dump them all together, and then draw 18 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! 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.

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

Division 5 monthly meetings normally start at 7:30 PM.

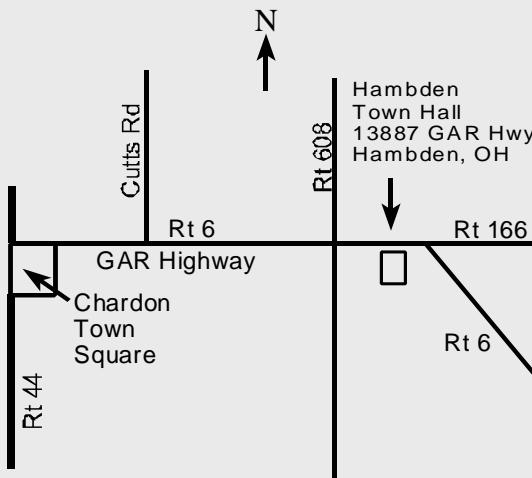
Location: Hambden Town Hall
13887 GAR Highway (Route 6)
Chardon, Ohio

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

No January Meeting

December 7th, 2012

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



Map to Hambden Town Hall

SCHEDULED EVENTS

2013

Holiday Party	January 11
Hambden Town Hall	
Hambden, Ohio	

BOD Meeting	January 21
Hambden Town Hall	
Hambden, Ohio	

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2012 7:30 pm

Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Rob Bowers at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. There were 28 members and 5 guests present.

A correction to the November minutes was noted that Assistant Superintendent Dave Neff ran the meeting in the absence of Superintendent Rob Bowers.

Reviewed numerous upcoming events including the Division 5 Holiday Party and the Youngstown Model Railroad Club open house.

Dave Neff provided an update on the NMRA's education program. Weathering will be the first main topic covered. The course modules will cover prototype examples, how to create weathering effects on models, and hands on training.

Reviewed how Promo Day 2012 went. We are considering changing the name of the event to make it clearer to people what the event is about.

The HO and N modular layout clubs will again have their layouts set up at Farmpark in December for the Country Lights event. We need Division 5 members to help support these groups.

April meeting will be a hands on building weathering clinic by Dick Roth.

Bring & Brag:

Matt Kross	Dale Smith	Gary Shaffer	Dennis Lloyd	Bill Berger
Paul Chapple	Dave Neff	Don Bittner	Dick Roth	

Program: Jim DiPaola of Division 1 provided a program on "Steel Mill Modeling". Jim showed photographs of a wide variety of prototype buildings and equipment along with some models of similar items.

Question Time:

How do you find out about auctions of model train items?

AuctionZip.com website has listings and you can set up for you to be notified if certain types of items are up for auction.
Farm & Dairy paper lists auctions in our area.

Discussed the importance of estate planning as it relates to your model railroad items. A recent auction had equipment from an estate divided into lots that didn't make sense and ended up reducing the amount of money the items were sold for. One example is where steam locomotives were in one lot and a separate lot had the tenders in it.

Contact Bob Frieden or Rob Bowers for appraiser recommendations.

When probate court sells items in an auction, the people running it have no idea of what items are or what their value is. You need a list of what you have and the approximate purchase value.

Business Meeting:

Jim Wendorf reported on Railfest 2013 planning. We have received reservations from a number of vendors and have about 25% of the tables sold so far.

Treasurer Bonnie Lette reported that the Division is solvent. Copies of the 2013 budget were available for members to review.

There will be a Non-Rail Chinese Gift Exchange at the Holiday Party.

Submitted by

Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

December NMRA InfoNet News.

• **Donations for “The Magic of Scale Model Railroading” Exhibit** at the California State Railroad Museum are continuing to pour in. Among the more noteworthy are:

◦ The **World’s Greatest Hobby campaign** has pledged \$50,000 toward the Exhibit.

◦ **Cincinnati Division 7, in the Mid-Central Region**, has pledged \$15,000 toward the Exhibit.

Current pledge and donation totals are now over \$200,000, but the NMRA still needs to raise an additional \$50,000 to meet the \$250,000 “matching challenge pledge” by an anonymous donor. If you, your Division or Region, have any questions about the exhibit, please contact Howell Day Museum Committee Chairman Allen Pollock at 573-619-8532. You can contribute via the web by visiting www.nmra.org and clicking on the donation link near the top of the homepage.

• The **Winter Board of Directors Meeting** will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, at the Sheraton Suites Galleria-Atlanta, on February 8-10. Although the Board meets in a closed caucus the evening of February 8, the general meeting is open to all NMRA members on February 9 and 10.

• Hasea.com, the model railroad association located in China which has aligned itself with the NMRA, has invited the NMRA President and a few other NMRA officials to **tour the new, highly restricted Chinese High Speed Rail factory and facilities** in February. No foreign visitors have ever had the opportunity to view these facilities before. As you may recall from *NMRA Magazine* articles and blurbs here, Hasea is a network of 100,000 Chinese railfans and modelers. The NMRA Board has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Hasea to share our standards and organizational knowledge.

• The **Peachtree Express 2013 website has been updated**, and now lists all the planned prototype and general interest tours, along with all layout tours. There are photos of each layout, and, in some cases, videos. Visit www.nmra2013.org to view the updates, and watch *NMRA Magazine* for Peachtree Express 2013 layout features.

• Bill Kaufman, Vice President of Special Projects, is spearheading a **new eBulletin concept** – an electronic communication sent by email to interested NMRA members on a regular basis. The project is still in the planning stages, and will be presented to the Board of Directors at the Winter Meeting in February.

• I’d like to repeat this important news again this month: John Stevens, the NMRA Secretary, has announced the **slate of candidates for the 2013 National elections**. Ballots will be in NMRA members’ hands early next year. Candidates are:

At-Large Worldwide Director:- Stan Ames- Mike Brestel- Larry Smith, MMR- Leslie Eaton, MMR

Atlantic District Director:- Alain Kap- Kathy Millatt

Western District Director- Larry Alfred, MMR- Jack Hamilton, MMR

Another item that bears repeating: Western Director Jack Hamilton and his committee are working on a new **Long Range Plan for the NMRA**. Jack is still looking for input from members, and writes, “The October edition of *NMRA Magazine* put out a general call (“NMRA – Where do the tracks lead?”) to members for input for NMRA strategic planning. There have been a number of excellent responses to the call but not nearly in the numbers that might be suggested by the normal level of grousing and gripes about the organization. This is your opportunity to make a difference and have some direct say in the direction the NMRA takes into our future. This is your organization and your ideas and input will be treated with equal value and respect. Please read the October article and make your desires known to Western District Director Jack Hamilton at westdir@hq.nmra.org or mail them directly to Jack at 10731 Warren Road NW, Silverdale, WA 98383.”

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Lastly, on a personal note, I've turned in my **resignation as Communications Director**, as of the Winter Board meeting next February. It's been a fun run and I've enjoyed it. I don't exactly know what the fate of these InfoNet News eblasts will be beyond January – that will be up to my successor. So if you or anyone you know would like to apply for the position, please contact President Charlie Getz at charliegetz@yahoo.com.

If you have any questions or comments about any of the above, please send them directly to a Director or Officer. You'll find those addresses at www.nmra.org or in NMRA Magazine.

And if you're changing email addresses, please let me know at this email address: NMRA-infonet@earthlink.net

I hope everyone has a peaceful, restful, and wonderful holiday season!

*-Gerry Leone, MMR
NMRA Communications Director*

Non-Rail Chinese Gift Exchange at the Christmas Party

For the spouses wishing to participate in a non-railroad related Chinese Gift Exchange of their own, bring a **new or unused gift** costing approximately \$15 to the party. We will hold a separate Chinese Gift Exchange for those who brought non-rail items. The rules will be the same as for the railroad related gift exchange.

Note: Only those bringing a gift may participate!



Railfest 2013



Saturday and Sunday
March 16 & 17, 2013
10 am to 4 pm



Model Railroad Show and Flea Market

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with your Train Treasures, and hard to find items.**

JDRF – Stop by the NEOJDRFWF table and help find a cure for Juvenile Diabetes with your donation.

Lakeland Community College
Kirtland, Ohio 44094

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Association)

Lionel O Gauge
LGB G Gauge

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Family (couples)	\$12.00
Family (max)	\$12.00

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JULY 13-20, 2014

www.2014cleveland.org

Wanted

The Trainwire is always looking for an interesting article. If you have taken a trip lately, seen something interesting trackside, have a particular viewpoint on a railroad subject or just want to participate in the Modelers Corner; then we want to hear from you. Everyone wants to be kept current on Division information, but we all enjoy an interesting article written by a member of this organization. So take your pictures and article and send them to the Editor by email and share them will all of us.

February Trainwire Deadline
January 20th.

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