



# The Trainwire.



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## April InfoNet-News.

### Peachtree Express 2013 News

Most of the prototype and general interest tours are limited to 50 people due to venue limitations. Keep in mind that we must confirm tours with the bus providers 30 days before the convention. So please register now to avoid disappointment and/or canceled tours due to lack of pre-registrations.

- Update of the tour to the CSX Training Center (P355): CSX has recently informed us they will **NOT** be able to allow us inside the center. We are working on substituting tours of Tilford and Hulsey yards. The good news is that we have added a visit to the Georgia Northeastern RR, where you'll get an overview of their operations, see some of their locos, and visit their dispatch center and yards.
- The Southeastern Region is hosting an NMRA Welcome Reception at the convention hotel on Sunday, July 14, from 4:00 - 5:30 PM, providing a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make some new ones. Light snacks and a cash bar provided.
- The clinic schedule has been posted to [www.NMRA2013.org](http://www.NMRA2013.org) as well as updates to some of the other events.
- A very active and entertaining general interest/non-rail program is planned, so bring the family, sample some Southern hospitality, and see all that Atlanta has to offer.

- Model Celebration & Contest: Chair Bob Hamm has issued a challenge to exceed the 2011 Sacramento Convention in the numbers of models brought for display and/or AP judging. Let's not disappoint! Bring what you're working on and show it off.

### Message from Gerry Leone, MMR – Vice President, Special Projects

Greetings, Presidents and Superintendents!

For the past four years the InfoNet News eblast has contained interesting NMRA facts you could share with your newsletter editors and members. With the advent of our new eBulletin, we now find that that same information is going out every other month directly to all NMRA members.

So, rather than stopping this direct communication between National and you, we've decided to reformat it. Beginning next month, each InfoNet News edition will be authored by a different NMRA Board Director or Officer. Each will be written "manager-to-manager," and may contain tips, techniques, insights, facts – any and all kinds of things that can help you be an effective leader and a greater resource to your members.

We trust you'll like this new format, and hope that it'll open the door to some lively dialog between you and NMRA National.

-Gerry Leone, MMR  
Vice President, Special Projects

*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](http://www.nmra.org) on in the NMRA Magazine.*

*If the person holding a region or division office changes, or their email address changes, please contact me at [tcdraider@aol.com](mailto:tcdraider@aol.com) with the corrected information*

Regards,  
Tom Draper  
Director – Support Services

## 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.

**May 3rd, 2013**

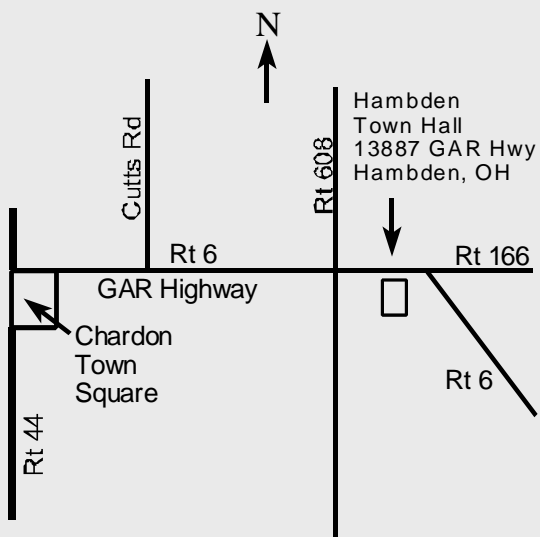
Location:        Farmpark Kirtland, Ohio  
 Program:        Locomotive Repair (Frank Bongiovanni of Div. 4)  
 Bring & Brag: Locomotives that you have repaired or super-detailed.

**June 7th, 2013**

Location:        Hambden Town Hall  
 Program:        Decaling (Dennis Lloyd)  
 Bring & Brag: Structures or rolling stock that have been decaled.

**July , 2013**

Division Picnic  
 No Meeting



Map to Hambden Town Hall

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

<b>Railroads in the Park</b>	<b>May 3 thru 5</b>
<i>(Boy Scout Merit Badge)</i>	May 4
Farmpark Kirtland, Ohio <b>(9am to 5pm)</b>	
 <b>Railfanning Day</b>	 <b>May 11</b>
Painesville Depot Painesville, Ohio 44077	
 <b>BOD Meeting</b>	 <b>May 13</b>
Hambden Town Hall Hambden, Ohio	
 <b>NMRA Regional Convention</b>	 <b>May 16-18</b>
<b>Dayton, Ohio</b>	

# Division 5 Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2013 7:30 pm

**Meeting was called to order** by Superintendent Rob Bowers at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. There were 27 members and 9 guests present.

**General announcements** included information about Mike Buehner's 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month operating sessions and the NETS group swap meet. Also, there were fliers available for various upcoming train shows.

**There was a question** about why the meeting time is set for 7:30 pm instead of something earlier. There was some discussion on the topic. The BOD will discuss it further at their meeting.

**Various members** provided comments about their experiences at Railfest 2013.

The membership was reminded that the **May meeting will be at Lake Farmpark** in Kirtland, Ohio.

**Dick Roth** reported that theft of railroad property was on the rise again in the Buffalo and Rochester, NY area. The main target is copper wire. Thieves have broken into many things to get to the wire, causing signals to be inoperable. If you see any suspicious activity, call the local police or the railroad.

It was noted that **Helen Proud** died recently. She was the wife of Tom Proud, owner of the now closed hobby shop in Perry, Ohio. After they closed the hobby shop, they moved to Allentown, PA.

## Bring & Brag:

Mike Buehner	Ken Stroebel	Paul Chapple
Bill Berger	Rich Kacprzak	Bill Osborne
Paulette Suzhay	Don Bittner	Steve Kaplan
Charlie Tidd	Tom Pescha	Matt Kross

**Program:** Dick Roth ran a hands-on clinic on how to paint and add detail to structures. Woodland Scenics provided the materials for the clinic. Those that participated received a number of HO modular wall panels, set of paints, and various scenery materials.

## Question Time:

How to shorten turnouts to get them to take up less space? A number of members provided suggestions based on their experience. A reference to a recent magazine article was provided.

## Business Meeting:

**The Division 5 car project** committee will present their recommendation for our next car project to the BOD at the April BOD meeting.

The Division's support for the **Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Workshop** is in place for the Railroads In The Parks weekend. The HO car kits are being ordered by Dennis Lloyd through HobbyTown USA.

There was **some discussion** about the current policy for Division 5 members getting into Railfest for free.

*Submitted by*

**Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk**

# Division 5 BOD Meeting

April 8, 2013 7:30 pm

## The April Meeting was held at Denny's Restaurant in Mentor, Ohio

**Members in attendance:** Rob Bowers, Bob Frieden, Tom Pescha, Don Bittner, Bill Berger, Bruce Lutheran, Wayne Lette, Bob Gittinger, Bonnie Lette, Ted Weise

Cars for **Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge** on May 4, 2013 at Lake Farm Park – Dennis Lloyd of HobbyTown is getting 25 cars ordered. They will be 40' car kits – there will be a discount for this project.

**Division 5 Car Project** – Bruce Lutheran & Bill Berger went over the different options that they had found for a car project. After the discussion, it was decided to order 150 cars of 2 numbers from Accurail Inc.. They will be an FP&E 40' Sliding Door Box Car; 75 of each number. Plus in the discussion it was decided that we are doing this car project for Promoting the Hobby and not for the sole purpose of making money. The cars could take as long as 3-5 months after the order is placed. Bill Berger is to proceed with the Accurail car and get the order placed.

**Two Organizations** turned in requests for funds – the Lake, Geauga HO Modular Group was awarded \$650 for their request to build new modules. Lake Erie N-Scale Society (LENS) was awarded \$500 for their request to build 2 new reverse loop modules for them to setup smaller displays more often during the year.

**The membership meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>** at Lake Farm Park will have a starting time of 8:00 PM; this will give the two groups setting up modules time to setup and be a part of the meeting. The meeting will be in the auditorium.

**Membership Meeting start times** were discussed and it was determined at this time the start time will remain at 7:30 PM

**NMRA Mid-Central Region** breakfast will be on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM in Dayton, OH. This is generally for the Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents, but anyone can come. Rob and Dave are planning on attending.

**Rob brought up** that we should be thinking of nominees for the Russ Wenderfer award sponsored by Division 7 (Cincinnati). Each Mid-Central Division may nominate a candidate who by their actions, involvement with Division activities, and overall extraordinary volunteer service has promoted the hobby of model railroading and promotion of the National Model Railroad Association. Please let someone on the BOD know if you have someone in mind that we could nominate.

**Submitted by:**  
**Bonnie Lette - Treasurer**

# Free Magazines?

By: Randy Hahn

**W**ould you like a free subscription to "Model Railroader", "Garden Railways", "Trains" and over 400 other popular magazines? *Well, have I found a deal for you!*

A relatively new service of the Cuyahoga County Public Library (CCPL) allows you to download digital magazines to your computer, tablet or mobile device. There are no subscription limits and no expiration. All you need is a library card and a free reader application from Zinio for your computing device. Besides the CCPL, many other libraries across the region and state also have offered the service to their card holding members. Over 650 libraries around the country offer the magazines subscriptions for free.

If you don't have a CCPL library card, you can apply personally at any of the CCPL library locations or you can apply on-line to speed up the process. You must go to a library location to pick-up your library card, and while there you can learn how to log-in to the magazine library and the Zinio application itself using one of the library computers and the information desk services. The on line application can be found at the following website:

<https://sciron.cuyahoga.lib.oh.us/selfreg>

The whole process of applying for the library card, obtaining library card and logging into the application the first time took a total of about 15 minutes at the library.

These magazines are similar to a "PDF" file, that you can either read on line or off-line whenever you desire. You can keep the downloaded version of these magazines for as long as you like (**no expiration dates**). Once subscribed to a magazine, you will receive an email notification when a new issue has arrived. Those email notifications are required by publishers and cannot be disabled. You will not be able to view issues before your first subscription date.

For a full description about the program and how to obtain the free Zinio reader application for organizing and reading all of your favorite magazines you can go to the following web site:

<http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org/What-to-Read/eBooks-and-Audio-Books/Zinio.aspx>.

The Zinio Reader application is compatible with the following: iOS (Apple), Android, Kindle Fire, PC, Mac and Blackberry Playbook. Zinio which professes to be the world's largest newsstand is a paid magazine and book subscription service, but if you go through the library, the 400 magazines offered are free with your library privileges. Please visit

<http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org/zinio.aspx> to view the FAQs, How-to Video and User's Guide for more information on the entire magazine service.

## 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  
Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters

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



*Please support these dealers!*

# RailFanning Day



at

## The Western Reserve Railroad Association

# Painesville Depot

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

Spend a day *RailFanning* at the Painesville Depot

### Visit this Historical Train Depot



The Depot opened in 1893 for the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Line

The depot is on the CSX Main Line -Mile Post 153.2-

Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013

Saturday, May 11, 2013

Saturday, July 27, 2013

Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013



## 10:00 am to 5:00 pm



*Be sure to bring your Camera and a CHAIR!*  
Food and Drinks available



[www.painesvilledepot.org](http://www.painesvilledepot.org)

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**NATIONAL CONVENTION**

**THE  
CONVENTION  
JULY 13-20, 2014**

[www.2014cleveland.org](http://www.2014cleveland.org)

# Wanted

**T**he Trainwire is always looking for an interesting article. If you have taken a trip lately, seen something interesting trackside, have a particular view point 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.

**June Trainwire Deadline  
May 20th.**

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