



# The Trainwire.



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## Summer Railroading.

By: David Neff

Here we are— Summer! By the time you read this, at least. Vacations, golf, cook-outs, baseball, gardening, loafing, etc. Where does model railroading fit in? During the summer months we have so much more to do, and normally we're not cooped up (except Northeastern Ohio weather is an exception). So how do we keep the juices flowing and get our railroading 'fix' during the summer-time? Back to the weather angle again.....when it's raining (as it often is), we can turn our thoughts and inside activities to modeling projects.....and when it's stinking hot outside, perhaps we have a very cool basement to adjourn to. Here are some 'recipes' for keeping model railroading activities 'alive' during the summer months:

1...Have a plan on what you want to do next---layout construction, detailing, kit building, etc so that when the weather moves you indoors you have a purpose and a plan. It's always difficult to pick back up on anything if you've abandoned it for a while.

2. Summer is a good time to go travelling to those railroad sites---depots, granaries, other industries and railroad-related structures---to photograph, measure, and ultimately model them. And demolition is an ever present threat to these, so better not wait too long.

3. Railfanning is great any time of year, but ease of travel and moderate temperatures allow for comfortable and leisurely trips and photography during the summer.

4. Visit the library, pick out a book and read up on histories of your favorite railroads.

5. Ride the rails and visit rail-

road museums in the region. With summer weather it is easily possible for us in this area to go to other spots in Ohio and surrounding states to visit. A number of tourist railroads are easily reachable in less than a day's drive.

6. If you really must take a break from active model railroading, perhaps consider just a patio or poolside lounge chair to think about and plan what you may want to do in your model railroading activities when the leaves fall and the snow flies. And reflect on your great memories, the camaraderie with fellow modelers, and how great it is that you have a hobby to engage in with others who share your interests! Maybe you can even think about and start to plan a clinic to present!

**Dave Neff - Asst. Supt.**



## Operating Session Notification.

Dave Eggleston has invited us to operate his Chadakoin Valley RR. It is located at **44 Summit Ave. Jamestown, New York** on August 10th at 1 PM.

His railroad is controlled by a Dispatcher and train orders. The layout is 22 x 38 feet with over 300 feet, of track.

We will be carpooling from Dale Smith's residence (**13608 GAR. Hwy, Chardon**) with a departure time of 8:30 AM. Please let him know if you are going by August 4th so he can let Dave know how many to expect.

## 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.

**July , 2013**

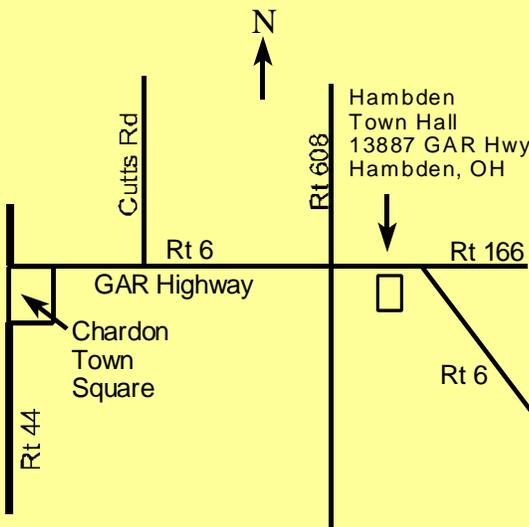
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**August 2nd, 2013**

Location: Hambden Town Hall  
 Program: Nickel Plate (Gary Shaffer)  
 Bring & Brag: Rolling stock, especially gondolas, reefers, Unusual.

**September 6th, 2013**

Location: Hambden Town Hall  
 Program: Mold making  
 Bring & Brag: Cast of all kinds, including rocks.



Map to Hambden Town Hall

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

<b>BOD Meeting</b>	<b>July 8</b>
Hambden Town Hall Hambden, Ohio	
<b>Railfanning Day</b>	<b>July 27</b>
Painesville Depot Painesville, Ohio ( <i>See flyer</i> )	
<b>Division 5 Picnic</b>	<b>August 3</b>
Painesville Depot Painesville, Ohio ( <i>See flyer</i> )	
<b>Operating Session</b>	<b>August 10</b>
Chadakoin Valley RR. Jamestown, New York ( <i>see page 1</i> )	
<b>LENS Modules</b>	<b>August 15-16-17</b>
Perry Library Perry, Ohio	
<b>Last Stop Willoughby</b>	<b>August 17</b>
Downtown Willoughby Willoughby, Ohio	
<b>Modular Group Fundraiser</b>	<b>August 26</b>
Stadium Grill, 8330 Tyler Blvd. Mentor, Ohio	
<b>Railfanning Day</b>	<b>October 12</b>
Painesville Depot Painesville, Ohio ( <i>See flyer</i> )	

*The Modular Group* is organizing a pasta dinner fundraiser. Final details in next month's Trainwire.  
 Please support this event.

# Division 5 Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2013 7:30 pm

Meeting was called to order by **Superintendent Rob Bowers** at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. There were 31 members and 3 guests present.

**Communications:** Youngstown Steel Heritage Museum open house, Mike Buehner's next operating session.

We learned that **Wally Jeffrey**, former owner of the Hobby House in Cleveland, died recently.

There is a group looking to see what interest there is in firing up **N&W J #611**. Check out their website at [www.fireup611.org](http://www.fireup611.org).

**Dave Neff** gave an update on the 2014 National Convention planning. A decision has been made by the national office that convention activities will be held at the convention center instead of the hotel. Parking issues for exhibitors are being looked into. Trying to get a designated parking area for trailers. Exhibit space for modular layouts will be given out on a first come, first served basis. LENS has submitted their request for space. The HO Group needs to get their request submitted.

It was reported that the **Ashtabula depot** on 32<sup>nd</sup> Street might be sold by CSX as part of a redevelopment of that area.

**The HO Module Group** will be set up on Aug 17 in the Willoughby City Hall basement for the Last Stop Willoughby event. The group would like old train magazines and NMRA handouts to give out during this event.

**Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad** summer excursions have started.

As a follow-up to the clinic Dick Roth gave two months ago on painting and weathering buildings, there was a popular vote contest for those that brought back their samples to show how they applied the information from the clinic to their structure. First place went to Linda Kacprzak and second place to Bob Gittinger.

**Bring & Brag:** Theme – *Something you have decaled*

Skip Giddings	Tom Pescha	Don Bittner
Don Thomas	Bill Berger	Rich Kacprzak
Ken Stroebel	Harley Smith	Sam Monturi

**Program:** Dennis Lloyd presented a clinic on decaling. He went through obtaining decals, making your own decals, preparing the surface, applying the decals, and the final finishing techniques. The clinic was part PowerPoint presentation and part live demonstration using the Division 5 camera.

There was no **business meeting** held.

*Submitted by:*

**Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk**

# Division 5 BOD Meeting

June 10, 2013 7:30 pm

A **Division 5 BOD meeting** was held at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Dave Neff, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Matt Kross, Bob Frieden, Bob Gittinger, Tom Pescha, Don Bittner, Ted Wiese, Lenny Kessler, and Harley Smith.

The **Division 5 picnic** will be on Saturday, August 3 at the Painesville Depot. Jim Wendorf will coordinate the food. Jim Wendorf and Bonnie Lette will be the contacts for signing up. The picnic will be free but we need members to sign up so we have a count for the food. Cut off date for signing up will be July 24.

The **operating session** on Dave Eggleston's layout has been set for August 10. Dale will provide info for the Trainwire.

Reviewed the various **upcoming events** for inclusion in the Trainwire.

**Jim Wendorf** is ready for the Railfest 2013 audit. Bonnie Lette is also ready for the Division 5 audit. Dennis Lloyd will be contacted to set up audit dates. Matt Kross volunteered to be a substitute auditor if needed.

At the **MCR BOD** meeting recently, there was discussion regarding the procedure for a member of one division to transfer to another division. The home division of the member must survey all the members in that particular zip code to see if any other members want to move. The new division then decides if they want to accept the transfer of these members.

The new **MCR officers** are:

**President** - Merlyn Jarman; **Vice President** - Bob Weinheimer; **Secretary** - Art Bumpus; **Treasurer** - Jerry Doyle.

There won't be an **MCR regional convention** in 2014 since the 2014 National Convention will be held within our region. The 2015 MCR convention will be in Lexington, KY and the 2016 MCR convention will be in Louisville, KY.

One of the main topics at the **Superintendents breakfast** at the Dayton MCR convention was about improving membership and sharing ideas. Some suggestions included working with local groups that youth are involved in such as 4H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc. In order to work with these groups, you need to be in contact with the parents, not directly with the youth. A suggestion was made that we contact Andy Baker about changing the registration form for the Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Workshop to add a question whether the scout would like follow up information about local model railroading groups.

We received an answer to our question regarding the **annuities** that were presented last month as a possible investment. These particular annuities do not allow joint annuitants which would make them difficult for us since our officers change every two to four years. We are looking into other conservative investment options for the Division funds. One suggestion was municipal bonds. An open question was asked as to what the purpose was for our savings beyond that which is needed to keep the Division running for a couple of years in case we can't hold Railfest.

Discussed additional ideas for promoting the Division and the hobby. We want to continue Promo Day. Other suggestions included holding a free Railroad Festival, maybe at the depot, where we would have operating layouts and how-to demos similar to Promo Day; have a display at a mall when they hold special events, especially events geared towards kids; radio ads; holding some type of event in January/February to build on interest developed during Christmas train setups around the Christmas tree.

It was suggested that we need to look into setting up a **Pay Pal account** if we want to be able to sell more Company Store items via our website.

Since there won't be a meeting in July due to the holiday weekend, **Harley Smith** is having his layout open that Friday, July 5 for a special operating session starting at 7:30 pm.

The next **Division 5 BOD** meeting will be July 8, 2013 at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall.

*Submitted by:*

**Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk**

# On the Way to Indianapolis.

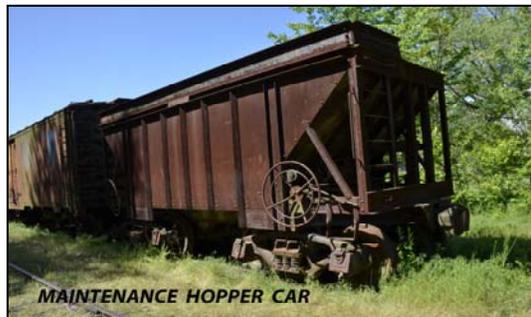
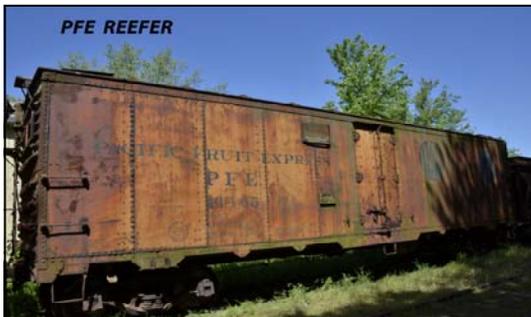
By: Bill Berger

**O**n the way to Indianapolis at a small town called Knightstown is one of those little gems of a common

carrier/tourist railroads (the Carthage, Knightstown and Shirley Railroad). The owner/engineer/maintenance of the way crew, CEO (his wife),

and his friend the conductor do 90 % of the work. Their motive power is a 44-ton GE locomotive. The rolling stock includes several coaches, an open car, a

Santa Fe caboose, and several maintenance cars. They have two stations and travel on a 5 mile stretch of the old Big 4 line.





# Div. 5 Picnic



**Saturday, August 3, 2013**  
**2:00pm to 6:00pm**

At

**The Painesville Depot**

**475 Railroad Street**

**Painesville, Ohio 44077**

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

Driving directions

Exit Rt 2 at Richmond Street, South one block to Chester,  
 East on Chester to N. State Street,  
 South on N. State Street (under the RR bridge),  
 East on Railroad Street to Depot



**Join in on good fellowship and railfanning!**



Menu:

Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs  
 Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, Coleslaw, Chips  
 Hobo Beans,  
 Desert  
 Pop & water



Food is being provide by Div. 5

Admission: **Free** to all Div 5 members and immediate family.

**RSVP** by July 24, 2013 to Bonnie at:  
 (440) 298-3075 or send an e-mail to [Treasurer@MCR5.org](mailto:Treasurer@MCR5.org)



***Be sure to bring your Camera and a CHAIR!***

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

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# 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.

**August Trainwire Deadline  
July 20th.**

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# 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, 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)