



# The Trainwire



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## Division 5 is Throwing a Party



# HOLIDAY PARTY

JANUARY 12, 2019

SOCIAL HOUR 12 NOON,

'DINNER' AT 1 P.M.

Followed by Chinese Gift Auction

\$15 to \$20 marked scale or any

and

Loser's Raffle from 2018.



**Seasons Greetings**



### MENU

Tossed Green Salad  
Italian and Ranch Dressing on the side  
Breaded Chicken  
Roast Beef  
Ham  
Mixed vegetables and Green Beans  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
Rigatoni  
Assorted pies for desert.

### 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.

Cost \$5 per person, guests welcome.

Payable at November 2 or December 1 meeting if at all possible or send a check to Bonnie. You must have **RSVP'd** by **January 6** latest to Bonnie so that we can plan for the meal.



## 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.

### 2019

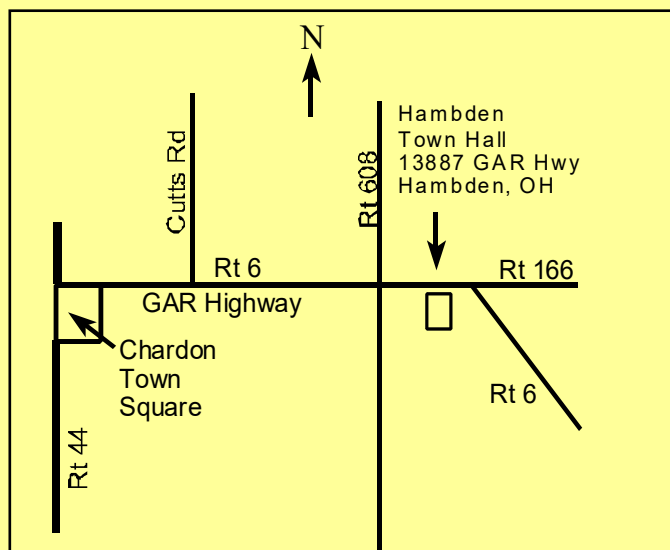
**No Meeting in the Month of January, 2019**

**February 1st, 2019**

**Location:** Hambden Town Hall  
**Program:** How to Get Started with Sketch-Up – *by Scott Gubanyar*  
**Bring & Brag:** Anything Scratch Built or Modified

**March 1st, 2019**

**Location:** Hambden Town Hall  
**Program:** “Its all in the Details”..from common materials.  
 - Sam Eisele (Division 1)  
**Bring & Brag:** Scratchbuilt details (structures, locos, rolling stock, other)



Map to Hambden Town Hall

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

### 2019

**Snow Dogs Train Show** **January 5**  
 UAW Hall  
 5616 Chevrolet Blvd. *(flyer on page 8)*  
 Parma, Ohio 44130 *(10:00 am - 3:00 pm)*

**Antique Toy Show** **January 5**  
 Lakeland Community College  
 7700 Clocktower Dr. *(flyer on page 8)*  
 Kirtland, Ohio *(9:00 am - 2:00 pm)*

**Division Holiday Party** **January 12**  
 Hambden Town Hall *(flyer on front page)*  
 13887 GAR Highway *(Noon - 3:00 pm)*  
 Hambden, Ohio *(Dinner served at 1:00 pm)*

**TCA Winter Train Meet** **January 26**  
 UAW Hall  
 5616 Chevrolet Blvd. *(flyer on page 8)*  
 Parma, Ohio 44130 *(10:00 am - 3:00 pm)*

**Division 5 BOD Meeting** **February 11**  
 Hambden Town Hall  
 Hambden, Ohio *(7:30 pm)*

**Railfest 2019** **March 16 & 17**  
 Lakeland Community College  
 7700 Clocktower Dr. *(flyer on page 8)*  
 Kirtland, Ohio 44094 *(10:00 am - 4:00 pm)*

# Division 5 Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2018

The December 7, 2018 membership meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Assistant Superintendent **Bryan Persing** at Hambden Town Hall. 25 members and 6 guests were present.

Reviewed upcoming **railroading and Division 5 events**.

Reminders that there will not be **Division 5 BOD meetings** in December and January. Also, no Division 5 membership meeting in January due to the Holiday Party.

For winter **Division 5 event and meeting cancellations**, check News5 online (not NewsNet5) or check the Division website or Facebook page.

Reviewed recent Division **BOD meeting activities**:

Approved **grant requests** by the local HO and N groups

Approved **Division 2019 budget**

Survey regarding **Division's Promo Day** future activities

Possible **special food nights** for meetings – will survey membership

Survey to see if there is any desire to change **Division meeting day/time**

Discussion about how to get **new blood** in the Division

**Railroading Question:** How do you get riveted coupler boxes open?

**Responses To Previous Questions:**

1) Are there any coal trains still going through the Cleveland area?

**Response:** recently saw a bunch of loaded hoppers sitting in the West 150<sup>th</sup> yard.

2) Source of a picture for a circus scene backdrop.

**Response:** Found a source online from suggestions made by members. Used Lark Back drops to print the picture on vinyl.

**Bring & Brag:**

Theme - *Pennsy*

Matt Kross

Bryan Persing

Mike Rudder

Bill Osborne

Dave Metzger

Dennis Lloyd

Dave Neff

**Program #1:** Brad White (Division 12) described the origins of his PRR Chautauqua Branch railroad and the development of operations on it.

**Program #2:** Doug Sandmeyer (Division 12) gave a presentation on the N-scale T-Trak standard and some upcoming events that will feature T-Trak layouts.

*Submitted by,*

**Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk**

# Working on the Railroad



## Passenger Trains

Ever since I was a young lad, I always associated model railroading with the movement of freight with box cars, tank cars, flat car, gondolas


and hoppers *etc. etc.* Passenger trains were not even on my radar. But as cities and towns started popping up on my current layout, it only seemed natural for train stations to appear in these metropolises. Before you knew it

there was a passenger train to travel between municipalities. As more stations were added, so were passenger trains four in all. My first passenger was a black New York Central with its three F7 engines. It was followed by



my favorite the Santa Fe stainless steel passenger train pulled by three PA engines decked out with the famous "Warbonnet" regalia. Next came a dark blue Baltimore and Ohio passenger train pulled by three F7 engines. My last but not least acquisition was the

Norfolk & Western, the longest passenger train on the layout powered by the infamous 611 "J" class streamlined steam engine with its 4-8-4 wheel alignment. There are plenty of roads for the residents to move from point A to point B, but by

far the most economical and time saving way to travel on this layout for work or pleasure, is by train or trolley. **ALL ABOARD!** 

*- Lenny Kessler*



# Pictures from the November Meeting

Photos by: Tom Pescha



## 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  
 The Painesville Railroad Museum

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



*Please support these dealers!*

# Railroad Graffiti

Colorful, larger-than-life train graffiti can be found on nearly every car. Graffiti has a long, strange, and absolutely American lineage. The first markings to appear on boxcars were made with chalk and pencil by railroad workers, noting arrival and departure times, weights, and other information about the car's contents for the benefit of their colleagues in distant cities. As rail riding became a popular, illicit way for people to travel cheaply across long distances in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, a whole nomenclature


of hobo markings began to appear on the sides of these boxcars – like the railroad workers' markings, these were cryptic notations meant for a specific, in-the-know audience. Over the last 30 years, the sides of train cars today run the gamut, from sloppy gang-style tags and idle signatures to line drawings, stenciled imagery, and enormously complex color fields. These markings are meant to be examined in close quarters, or viewed from long distances. They are both widely accessible to anyone who might happen see a train roll by them. One can easily find

boasts, hastily scribbled sayings, social commentary, threats, jokes, names, notations of date and location, and formal displays of lettering skill. It's like an endlessly evolving conversation between artists. It's hard to see the work and not admire the bravado and technical skill, and also feel bad for the railroader workers who have to power wash it all off so the car's official markings are legible. Noticeably, some of the artists leave the train's specific identification number clear. I wonder if there's a code among these artists to leave critical information uncovered,



or if this has been removed after the fact. Up close, one can see in the splashes of the spray paint that the lettering was executed quite rapidly, but from a distance it looks seamless. Like any collection of artwork, it's all over the map. Some of it is dumb, some is very poignant and even touching. Some is extremely ugly or lazy, and some is wildly ambitious and imaginative. It depicts the mass consciousness of a fluid subculture moving endlessly within a sprawling nation of widespread borders. It's a subculture that can seem both insensitive and retaining a highly refined visual. Most of us enjoy the

colorful distractions while waiting at railroad crossings. However, railroad companies and railcar owners feel that this type of creativeness is illegal, dangerous and expensive. It's defacing private property and trespassing on railroad property, which is *dangerous* and *illegal*. The elaborate graffiti takes time to paint, meaning someone spent a lot of time putting themselves at risk of serious injury, even death, among the tons of steel that could move anytime without warning. Car owners spend thousands of dollars annually to paint over *obscene* or *offensive* graffiti. Graffiti that covers railcar identification

numbers and important information also must be painted over so those numbers are visible, though more artists seem to leave the numbers alone so their work might stay on the cars longer. It's up to car owners to decide whether to paint over graffiti. If the graffiti doesn't cover up identification numbers, owners usually leave it alone, especially if it's remarkably creative. There's some true artists out there that are wasting their talents on railcars. It's amazing what they can do, however car owners just wish they'd do it somewhere else. 

- Lenny Kessler



# Antique & Collectible Toy Show

**BUY - SELL - TRADE**  
**Saturday, January 5, 2019**  
**9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.**

Located at:  
**LAKELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**7700 CLOCKTOWER DR.**  
**KIRTLAND, OHIO 44094**

Athletic & Fitness Center (AFC) Auxiliary Gym  
 Interstate 90 and Rt. 306 (S.E. Corner)

Admission: Adults \$6.00  
 Children (6-12) \$2.00  
 Active Military Personnel FREE

Hot Wheels • Pressed Steel • Japanese Tin • Diecast  
 Dinky • Matchbox • Planes • Tootsie Toy • Mechanical Toys •  
 Erector & Mechanical Robots • And Much Much More  
 Dolls

JDRF - Stop by the LCJDWF table and help find a cure for Juvenile Diabetes with your donation  
 INFO: (216) 470-5780 Email: cleveshows@att.net Web: www.neocollectibletoys.com

**TOY II Jan. 5, 2019 Toy Show 2- No "Pack Up" before 2 P.M.**

PLEASE PRINT  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Permit# \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ No of Tables \_\_\_\_\_  
 Electrical  NO LOCATIONS REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED - but we will try to accommodate you

6' X 30' Tables  
 Table \$26.00  
 Load in Fri. 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
 Sat. 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Make Checks Payable To:  
**Jim Wendorf**  
 Mail To:  
 Tom Pescha  
 3942 East 364<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Willoughby, Ohio 44094  
 Phone (216) 470-5780  
 www.neocollectibletoys.com  
 Please send payment with table  
 order by Jan. 2, 2019

Revised 1-20-18

# Snow Dogs Train Show

**Saturday, January 5, 2019**  
 Wind, nor Rain, nor Snow will kept a train fan from a good train show!  
**UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130**

**10:00 am to 3:00 pm**  
 Admission: \$6.00, Kids under twelve Free  
**Free Parking**

This is an **ALL Gauge Show** with over 150 tables of trains and toys.

Operating Layout of several gauges  
 Good Food at reasonable prices  
 Free Parking

For Table Info call:  
 440-833-4366  
 330-633-9097

Show sponsored by Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge Association (www.csvga.com)

Revised 7-27-18

## The Great Lakes Division TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

### WINTER 2019 Train Meet

Saturday, January 26, 2019

U.A.W. HALL (Parma)  
 5615 Chevrolet Blvd.  
 Cleveland, Ohio 44130

- FREE PARKING
- GROUND-LEVEL ENTRANCE
- GOOD LIGHTING
- TCA KIDS CLUB: KIDS PLAY WITH TRAINS!
- ALL SCALES: O, S, HO, N, Z & LARGE SCALE
- NEW AND OLD TRAINS
- PARTS, REPAIR MANUALS, PRICE GUIDES, BOOKS, ETC.
- TRAIN VIDEOS
- MODEL BUILDING SUPPLIES AND KITS
- LIONEL, AMERICAN FLYER, MTH, WILLIAMS, WEAVER, ETC.
- 175+ TABLES
- REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE!

**LOCATION**

**DIRECTIONS**

*All TCA National Rules will be enforced.*

**ADMISSION \$6.00 Each, \$8.00 Family**  
 Children Free  
 Open to the Public 10 am - 3 pm

For Meet Information Contact Ed Mularz:  
 (440) 665-0882  
 emularz1124@aol.com  
 www.greatlakesTCA.com  
 NEXT TCA LAKE ERIE CHAPTER MEETS  
 NOVEMBER 24TH, 2018

# RAILFEST 2019

Saturday and Sunday  
**March 16 & 17, 2019**

**10 am to 4 pm**  
 Buy - Sell - Trade

Located at:  
**Lakeland Community College**  
 7700 Clocktower Dr.  
 Kirtland, Ohio 44094  
 State Rt. 306 at Interstate 90 - exit 193

**Admission \$7.00**  
 Two Day Pass \$12.00  
 Family (couples) \$12.00  
 Family (max) \$12.00  
 (Adults with Children under 18)  
 Food Service Available at reasonable prices

**Operating Layouts**  
 N Scale Layouts (LENS)  
 HO Scale layout (LG HO G)  
 S Scale & American Flyer (Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge Association)  
 Lionel O Gauge  
 LGB G Gauge  
 Live Steam Display (Lake Shore Live Steam)

**For Information Write:**  
 NMRRA MCR Division 5  
 PO Box 5081  
 Mentor, Ohio 44060  
 Phone: (440) 357-8880  
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 Email: railfest@mcr5.org

**Features**  
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 Historical Displays  
 Train Ride Info  
 Food Service Available  
 ATM

**Free Parking**  
**Free Shuttle Bus**  
 9:30am - 4:30pm

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## National Model Railroad Association

**MCR - Division 5 Event**  
 Since 1987 at Lakeland  
 Visit us at [www.railfest.org](http://www.railfest.org)  
 Facebook at [www.facebook.com/RailfestTrainshow](http://www.facebook.com/RailfestTrainshow)  
 Largest continuous running two day train show in OHIO!

# Minor Changes in Box Lunch Menu

# RAILFEST 2019



## Box Lunch UPDATED MENU

This year we will once again be offering Box Lunches. These will be delivered to the main show lobby for your pick-up.

You will have the following choices of Box Lunches:

1. Italian Sub;
2. Turkey & Cheese on Kaiser roll;
3. Veggie Wrap or
4. **Special** St. Patty Day Lunch of Corn Beef Sandwich with Potato Salad, chips and Cookie for \$10.00



All Box Lunches include Potato Salad, chips and a cookie for only **\$8.00 each** or **\$10.00** for Corn Beef.

Pop and water will be available on the carts for additional cost.

Make your Checks out to **RAILFEST**  
 Mail check and order form to:  
**Tom Pescha**  
 3942 East 364<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Willoughby, Ohio 44094  
 If you have any questions, Call Tom at 216-470-5780



Please retain this part for your information

Your order must be received by **March 4**

*Cut and Return*

*Cut and Return*

### Box Lunch Order Form

Business Name / Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Return **ONLY** this part back to Tom Pescha

<b>S A T</b>	Italian Sub \$8.00 each _____	Turkey & Cheese \$8.00 each _____	Veggie Wrap \$8.00 each _____	Corn Beef \$10.00 each _____
	<b>S U N</b>	Italian Sub \$8.00 each _____	Turkey & Cheese \$8.00 each _____	Veggie Wrap \$8.00 each _____

Flyer-BL-2019 Box Lunch 12-11-18

Return **ONLY** this part back to Tom Pescha

Please return this part only

**Lakeland College** has dropped the **Pasta Salad** from the Railfest Box Lunch Menu and are only offering **Potato Salad**, but they have added a **Corn Beef sandwich** for \$10.00.



# My visit to the Byesville Scenic Railroad Museum



June of last year, I went with my wife to visit the Byesville scenic Railroad Museum located in Byesville Ohio, just south of Cambridge, Ohio. As we were camping at Salt Fork State Park, I wanted a quick trip to a train location, and the Byesville scenic

railroad museum fit the bill. As we arrived, I noticed right away that the place was abandoned, with the exception of the station and the equipment. So not to be one shy of doing a little exploring, I took a look at everything that was available. Located right up front was what looked to be a

brand new ticket booth and a passenger loading platform? Right next to the loading platform was the motive power for the railroad, a General Electric 80 ton center cab. I got a close-up of the railroad logo.



Just beyond the coach, was a work car and a Burro crane followed by what I'll call a work gondola? The crane was very

interesting with some detail located on the side of it that I have not seen on other cranes in much worse shape. The picture below

on the left is a side view of the crane and the picture on the right is a close-up of the hand signals chart used on the crane:

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## Visit to the Byesville Scenic Railroad Museum cont.....




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Here are some additional close-ups of the crane, the boom and the work gondola. Just off to the side, was this little crane, so even though the usage must be limited, I thought it was interesting.



The ride thru the country side to Byesville was very enjoyable. It was located

just off I-77, so if you are on the way down to southern Ohio and you want a quick stop, you might enjoy this little railroad? 

*- Bruce Lutheran*

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A Picture from the Internet.

**Bad Weather Closings**

Even though the weather is still very nice and warm, soon it will change to winter with cold and snow. In the event that it becomes necessary for us to cancel our meetings, it will be broadcast on Ch 5, WEWS.

So if the weather looks bad, and you want to know if the meeting has been cancelled, check on Ch 5 or [www.newsnet5.com](http://www.newsnet5.com), click on the weather tab, then the closing tab to see if we are listed. "and will be posted on Division 5 web page at [www.mcr5.org](http://www.mcr5.org)"



Another Picture from the Internet.

**Notice**

I will be compiling the next Trainwire on the 19th of the month and any articles or reports that come in after the 19th will probably be published in the following issue. - *The Editor*

# The Trainwire Newsletter

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Division 5 Membership  
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