



The Trainwire.



Off the Mainline...

By: Kirk Pohto

X Marks the Spot. Recently I was able to sneak out to do some rail-fanning at Berea. For those of you who have never been out to BE Tower, it's a must see place to watch trains. New York Central's Water Level and Big Four lines met and allowed trains to change tracks at grade. Imagine a large "X" with the top two legs being lines going west to Chicago and east to Buffalo. These formed the Water Level Route. The bottom legs go to Indianapolis and Cleveland

Union Terminal (also call the Short Line to Collinwood). Over the years this trackage became property of Penn Central and later Conrail. After the Conrail split by CSX and NS (or debacle is more like it), NS gained control of the northern two legs of the "X" while CSX got the southern legs. Traffic through Berea is still plentiful as it is on the main artery of east-west container and coal traffic. Berea is a great place to hang out and talk trains with other railfans. Lots of traffic and some good viewing an-

gles make it memorable. (The great food at the Station Restaurant doesn't hurt, either.) Anyways, the day I went out turned out to be one of the hotter days we've had lately. The temperatures were in the mid-90's. At Berea, this can be a problem because other than one little tree at the parking lot's edge, there is very little shade to take advantage of. My timing was perfect on this day, though, as I was able to park by the tree and stake out my spot in the shade without anyone else around. I got to set up my lawn chair, grab a good book and just sit

and wait for the trains to roll by. It doesn't get much better than that; a good book, a comfortable chair, a camera, and freight trains. For those few hours, that was my piece of heaven. There's nothing like being able to get lost in a book and then being brought back to reality by the sound of a horn in the distance. I was able to get some nice pictures of the day's traffic, too.

I guess what I'm trying to say in all of this is that it's important to remember what you enjoy most about the hobby. It doesn't always have to be

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Mainline...cont...

about the latest DCC gadget or some super-detailed car or structure. I know we all have list upon list of projects we want to complete or products we want to buy at some point. But the hobby can be as simple and stripped-down as sitting and watching trains in the shade of a tree on a beautiful day. For me it isn't one single thing that keeps me interested. Everything about trains fascinates me. I'm sure most of you can relate. It isn't

something you can always put into words. You're just drawn to it, ya know? So the next time you're working on a project, think about what part of the hobby keeps you coming back for more.

See you down the line in August. ☘



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"The Western Reserve Division"

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

August 3

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: Great Lakes shipping
 Bearco Marine
 Bring & Brag: Resin Kits

September 7

Location: Willoughby Town Hall
 Program: Operations on HO modules
 Bring & Brag: Anything from Pre-1900

October 5

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: Dick Roth clinic
 Bring & Brag:

November 2

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program:
 Bring & Brag:

SCHEDULED EVENTS

NMRA 2007 National Convention July 22-28
 Detroit Michigan

N-scale Convention Aug 7-12
 Hartford, CT

Ho Module Setup Sep 7-9
 Willoughby Frontier Days
 Willoughby City Hall, Willoughby, OH

Ho Module Setup Sep 15
 Collinwood Masonic Lodge
 Euclid, Ohio

Division 4 Carnival of Railroading Oct 6-7
 Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
 Berea, Ohio

Hobo Stew Dinner Oct 13
 With Lake Shore Live Steamers
 Penitentiary Glen Park,
 Kirtland, Ohio

HO Module Setup Dec
 Lake Farmpark,
 Kirtland, Ohio

LENS N-Trak Module Setup Dec
 Lake Farmpark,
 Kirtland, Ohio

The Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum

7471 Tyler Blvd. Unit "L"
 Mentor, Ohio 44060

Hours

Tuesday	5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Thursday	5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
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Build a Conveyor System

Photos and Article

By: Ken Stroebel

When I was planning my pulp and paper mill module, one of the things I needed to add was a conveyor system to move wood chips to the pulping process. However, a search of the Walthers catalog didn't lead me to any kits or structures that would adequately do the job, since I needed a fairly

long structure in order to make it look realistic. For my purposes, the conveyor would have to extend 30 inches or roughly 200 scale feet. So I began to search around, until I came across a leftover 1-inch PVC pipe in my garage that I had a used for some plumbing project. Now the problem was, how to cut the pipe so that it could be used as the top to the conveyor. The solu-

tion?....shaving it down in the wood shop using a jointer or planer machine. Now I realize that not everyone has access to such a piece of equipment, but if you do, it makes easy work to take a round pipe, and flatten or remove the sides such that you're left with a covered structure with even sides. All it took was about a dozen or so slow passes on the jointer to first

flatten the round surface and then carefully remove even amounts of PVC along the sides. One note of caution if you do try this method, a jointer works via a very sharp blade that is spinning very fast. Therefore, the use of a rubber surfaced push block is highly recommended so that your fingers aren't pushing down on the plastic and you keep your fingers and hand



PVC pipe cut to length and size

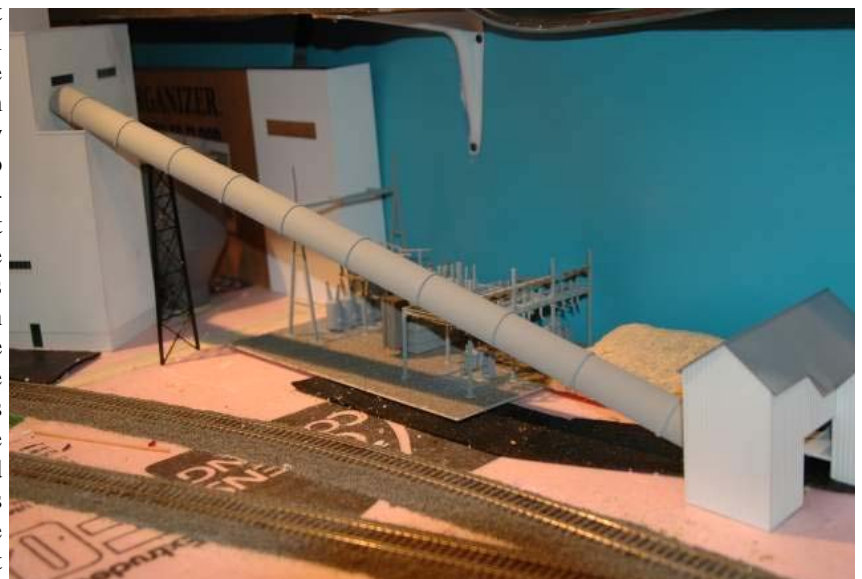


Banding added to pipe

away from the blades.

Once the desired shape was achieved, I added a series of 0.04 x 0.10-inch styrene strips every scale 20 feet, to simulate where the small conveyor sections would have been bolted or welded together. After this installation, some additional styrene was cut to shape to form the bottom steel frames of the conveyor and then it was off to the paint shop. For the inside, I chose to paint the surface a flat black, as only the upper inside sections of the conveyor will be visible in my scene. The outside was

Painted a light gray, and several supports were added from Walthers New River Mine kit to complete the conveyor. From start to finish, the whole project was completed in an evening, with the painting being the slowest process as I wanted to make sure that I had nice even coats and plenty of time was allowed to let the paint dry. ☘



Completed conveyor system

Division 5 Membership as of July 1, 2007



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The Module Committee.

On July 18, 2007 the module committee met again at the Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum. The construction of the individual modules is on it's way and many of the engineering problems were addressed. The members of the committee have plenty of enthusiasm for this project, but it will be a while before any track is actually laid. The committee will be meeting again on August 22nd at 7:00 PM.

Division 5 Company Store Items

- O scale Sugar Houses @ \$36/each
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- N scale Sugar Houses @ \$17/each
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Division 5 BOD Meeting Notes

July 11th, 2007

Attendees: Kirk Pohto, Al Cap, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Dale Smith, Lenny Kessler, Matt Kross, Harley Smith.

Discussed the plans & menu for Gary Shaffer's celebration for being the 2nd Master Modeler in Division 5

Scenic Express – Dale Smith to write a Thank You letter for having us at their facility & their hospitality.

Trainwire Electronically – Due to postage increase it has been approved that the Division will offer a \$5.00 Certificate to those who choose to take the Trainwire Electronically for at least 1 year. This offer is for a limited time only. August 1st through September 30th, 2007. Email your request for receiving the Trainwire electronically to TRAINWIRE@MCR5.ORG

Expired Memberships – we are going to try to inform the members when their NMRA membership is going to expire. Please look at your mailing labels on the Trainwire – your expiration date is in the upper right hand corner. When your membership is about to lapse there will be a highlight mark over the expiration date. For those that are receiving the Trainwire electronically – you will receive an email letting you know that your membership is about to expire.

July Picnic – we had 25 members sign up for the picnic this year. Was a very warm day, no rain, good food, good time was had by all that participated. Thank you Dale & Harley Smith for making the arrangements for this event.

The Madison Hobby Shop has closed it's doors.

Christmas Party – it is decided that it will be on December 7, 2007 – at Carl's Overlook Restaurant – Lake Avenue, Ashtabula, OH. Price has been set at \$5.00 each Member & 1 Guest; \$10.00 each per additional Guests

Next BOD Meeting – August 15th – 7:30 PM – Harley Smith's House

Announcement – Matt Kross & Dale Smith brought up the possibility of Division 5 hosting another Regional Convention in 2011. There will be more discussion in the near future.

Requests for donations of our Sugar House and Reefer were received by Al Cap.

Shortline Publication has requested to receive one of our Sugar Houses. They want to evaluate and write an article. The board has given Al permission to send one of the N-Scale Sugar Houses to this publication with the stipulation that we have the rights to the article. This would let us publish the article on our website

World's Greatest Hobby has requested one of our reefers but did not go into details of what they want it for. Al is to find out more information before we send one to this organization.

A correction was sent to Model Railroader about our Company Store Ad. It is still wrong – now there are pictures only and no words. Al Cap will try to contact them again.

Steering Committee – Suggestions are need to be given to the steering committee so they can investigate future projects for the Division; i.e. cars, online structures, other projects to get involved with, etc.

Bonnie Lette & Al Cap will get pricing for an Endorsement Stamp for the Division ☘

Pohto's Photos.

Photos and Article
By: Kirk Pohto

Do you have an empty flatcar? Are you baffled at trying to find a cool load for it? Check out these cars that came through Berea for inspiration. Judging by the photos, I'd say the prototype railroads have been copying off of Harley's collection. What do you think?



Mixed crates.



A few loads of pipe.



Steel beams on a unique center beam.



Is that a giant Hot Wheels bulldozer?



More steel beams, this time on a bulkhead.

Who Lives in a Pineapple Under the Sea?



Hey everyone, it's Sponge Bob Square Pants! It looks like he's traded his pineapple under the sea for a yellow boxcar in Berea. Close enough, right?

(If you get the Sponge Bob theme song stuck in your head after reading this, it isn't my fault.)



Trainwire Submittals.

Photos and Articles
By: Ken Stroebel

Last Run of Kent Heritage Festival Train?

Celebrating the heritage of the city of Kent, Ohio and the nation, attendees travel along the Akron Barberton Cluster railway line (former Erie main line) to Towner's Woods and then return back to downtown Kent by the Star of the West Milling Co. grain elevator. This years trip featured the ABC 1502, the former CR 9603/Indianapolis Union 25. The A&BB became W&LE subsidiary Akron Barberton Cluster Railway in late 1994. The engine was rebuilt at Brewster



with Q-Tron traction control system and repainted black and orange with ABC Railway lettering in October 2001. Two former Nickel Plate coaches from the 1930's era (numbers 90 and 62), leased from the Midwest Railway Preservation Society, and caboose C-3280 owned by MRHF provided the seating for the trip. Although I've heard before that the running of this train was in doubt, this years sign for the trip included a series of question marks regarding the future of the run. I guess we'll have to wait until next year to see about it's future. ☘



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August Division 5 Meeting

August 3rd, 2007.

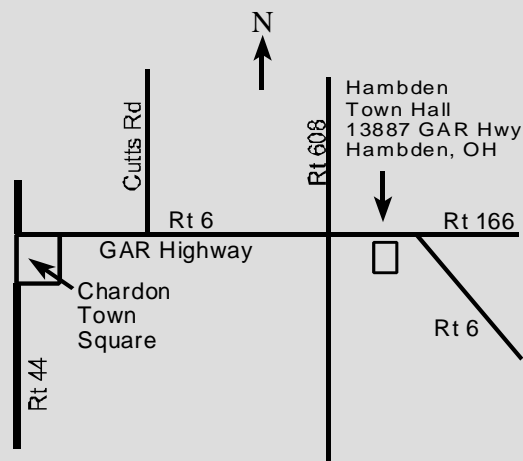
Location: **Hambden Town Hall**
13887 GAR Highway (Route 6)
Chardon, Ohio

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

Program: Great Lakes shipping
 Bearco Marine

Bring & Brag Theme: Resin Kits.

*Reminder: Bring & Brag entries **DO NOT** have to adhere to the Bring & Brag theme for the evening. The themes are meant to add some variety to the types of model work shown and to encourage members to work on something they may not have tried otherwise. The themes are not meant to discourage you from bringing in other model work that you have completed in the last 6 months. By all means, bring it in and show it off!*



Map to Hambden Town Hall

September Trainwire Deadline
August 20th.

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