



The Trainwire.



Off the Mainline...

by: Kirk Pohto

I heard we had a great turnout for our Promotional day last month. A crowd of over 800 people is unreal! The feedback I've gotten so far is that there were many new faces amongst the crowd. These are the people we want Promotional day to appeal to. We want to expose people to the hobby who may not be fa-

miliar with it. Bruce Lutheran deserves a big THANK YOU for all of the hard work he put in to make the event a success. I'd also like to thank everyone else from the Division who helped out, put on a clinic, had their layout open for tours, and just attended. We still need more help from the rest of the membership, though. Everyone has to contribute to make the Division successful. Jump on board and help us out! Instead of having our regular meeting this month, we're having our Division Christmas Party at

Carl's Overlook Restaurant in Ashtabula on December 7th. Harley and Dale Smith have worked hard to get everything lined up this year and it sounds like we'll have a good turnout. Make sure to thank Harley and Dale when you see them. They always make the annual Christmas Party an enjoyable event. If you aren't in the mood for a Christmas Party, stop out at Lake Farmpark and run some trains on the H.O. modular layout. Lake Metroparks' Country Lights Festival is open that night and it is always a great event for the Division to pro-

mote the hobby. We always need people at the layout to run trains and talk to the public. Contact Rick Montgomery if you can make it. We also have the Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum's Winter Open House on Sunday, December 9th from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. After the huge crowd we have for Promotional day, I'm sure the open house will be well attended. Come see Santa Claus and watch the trains. There's something for everyone to enjoy at the Mu-

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seum. As we wind down 2007 and look forward to 2008, it is time to start thinking about the 2008 Division elections. Have you ever wanted to lead the Division or have a hand in our decision making process? If so, run for an office position. Division 5 always needs people with fresh ideas to

help lead us forward. I will not be seeking re-election in 2008, so it is important that we find new leaders to take the throttle and run the show. Give it some thought and let me know how you'd like the Division to do in the future.

See you down the line! ☘



Kirk D. Pohto - Superintendent
 Division 5
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UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

Division 5 monthly meetings normally start at 7:30

There is no meeting in December.

2008

January 4

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: **DCC**
 Bring & Brag: Snow Theme

February 1

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program:
 Bring & Brag: Favorite Fallen Flag

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Christmas Party	Dec 7
Carl's Overlook Restaurant Saybrook, Ohio	
HO Module Setup	Nov 30
Lake Farmpark, Kirtland, Ohio	Dec 1 & 2 Dec 7-14
Holiday Open House	Dec 9
WR Model RR Museum Mentor, Ohio	
LENS N-Trak Module Setup	Dec 15-23
Lake Farmpark, Kirtland, Ohio	
HO Module Setup	Dec 15-31
Mentor City Hall Mentor, Ohio	
Division 5 BOD Meeting	Dec 17
Lake Farmpark, Kirtland, Ohio	

2008

Railfest	March 15-16
Lakeland Community College 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
Sunday	Noon - 5:00 PM

Contact Rick @ 440-251-0350 for more information.

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Rail Sightings.



This unusual set of pictures of a rail train were captured by Alan Arthur from an overpass near the Ashtabula Harbor area in Ashtabula, Ohio. As you can see,

several specialty cars are carrying the quarter mile long rails to be used as replacements on the many miles of track in our area. The rails are mounted on rollers and are able to shift from right to left

whenever the train encounters a curve in the track. Al told me that these special trains usually have their own crane cars and unique work cars to manipulate the unloading of the new rails and the loading

of the rails that are replaced. I have also observed a similar train while railfanning in Perry, Ohio. ☘



7471 Unit "L" Tyler Blvd.
(1/4 mile east of Rt. 306)
Mentor, Ohio

Holidays and Model Trains – A Tradition

The Western Model Railroad Museum is pleased to announce its **Holiday Open House** on **Sunday, December 9, 2007** from 10:00am to 6:00pm.

Santa Claus will be there from Noon until 3:00 PM.

Enjoy the live music by the **“Erie Heights Brass Ensemble”**

Also see the **Christmas Village** on the O gauge layout.

Admission is **FREE**, Donations are accepted and appreciated.

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Derailment in Painesville, My view.

By: Mike Buchner

R J Corman Derailments Services have been on scene since the October 10th derailment of the eastbound CSX mixed freight to Selkirk NY. The first day of the derailment was quite eventful ,you see, I work

close to the CSX mains and next to the NS main in Mentor. I was making normal deliveries to our customers that morning and returning back. Coming southbound on RT44 I noticed the blackish gray cloud and thought to my-

self that Painesville power had some good steam going, as I came closer my thought shifted that this was Lubrizol conducting fire fighting practice. Finally realizing that this was on the wrong side of the freeway, We had a derail-

ment! I could see it from the freeway clearly and almost rear-ended a Sheriff who was stopping on the overpass. I guess I was one of the first to see this accident.



On my way home on I90 I saw the first of many R J Corman trucks. That was about 5:20 pm. What a response time for them, roughly four and a half hours. I believe that these teams are on standby just for this type of situation.



When talking to RJ Corman workers I found out that there was several teams from all around, Pittsburgh, Columbus, Toledo, and Jacksonville Florida.



These sections possibly came from Celina Ohio. This might make a neat Tractor trailer load along with one of the recovery Cat D-8 on a lowboy.



These teams had cleared the north mainline by the third day. CSX brought in ballast as you can see in the top left of the photos courtesy of railpictures.net As per Model Rail-roading practices they used sectional track that was trucked in.



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and U.S. and Ohio EPA Have created dikes to contain the chemicals and contaminated rain water, it also looks like they are doing soil remediation. The CSX will build an access road for the scraper to the site which they have already fenced in.

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2007

Al Cap started the meeting at 7:30 in the absence of Kirk

Trainwire – comments and praise were given to Lenny for the good job he is doing on the Trainwire

Regional BOD – Kirk told the Regional BOD what Division 5 has been up to over the last year and that we were interested in the 2011 MCR Convention. The BOD had a blast at our last convention. Division 4 is proceeding with their MCR Convention in 2008 – Don't forget to sign up.

Division 4 Convention – Chuck Beargie talked about the convention and the work they are doing in conjunction with NOARS & the NY Central Convention. There will be tables for different Historical Societies. At the next Division 4 meeting, 11/9 at 7:30 PM, there will be a presentation about the NY Central.

Company Store – we have been selling items a little at a time

Clerk reported the financial balances for the Division

Railfest – the 2nd mailing has gone out, they have heard from about 2 dozen vendors. Tables that are not spoken for by the end of November will be offered to the waiting list on a first come first served basis. All tables should be filled by January.

Ohio Central purchased the 763 Steam Engine and was bringing it home 11/2 or 11/3 from Norfolk, VA.

Modules

The next meeting will be 11/14/07 7:00 PM at Rick's Office. 2/3 of the track plan is complete.

Will run from 11/30 to 12/14 Lake Farm Park, setup will be 11/29 at 5PM at the Museum to load the modules. Teardown will be at 12/14 at 7PM for the modules to be taken to the Museum overnight. Then on 12/15 at 5PM they will move to City Hall to run till 12/28.

Second Rail Show – was reported that most dealers are not in favor of Division 5 having a 2nd Rail show.

Erie Rail Show the weekend of 11/3.

Christmas Party – as of this meeting there are 30-35 people signed up to attend

2011 Convention – planning is progressing

Promotion Day

11/3 at the Museum 10-5; come to volunteer, there will be food/drinks, raffle for the kids, 3 clinics.

An article in the News Herald, AAA newsletter, and on the Mentor Events channel.

Traction contest will be weight pulling

Budgets are due to the BOD before 11/19 where they will meet to discuss. Please try to attend if you are presenting a budget request or at least full details of what you are requesting.

Youngstown RR - \$3.00 donation

Future Programs were announced

Future Bring N Brags were announced

Bonnie brought a mystery item for everyone to guess – 1935 Sand Pattern of a logging car wheel that was driven on wood rails

A/P Program – nobody has signed up lately but there is a possible future author

Bring N Brag – Best Model

Jack Metcalf - Bill Berger - Don Bittner - Bill Smith - Mike Buehner - Bill Brodie

Toronto Christmas Show at the International Center on November 24th and 25th.

Painesville Accident – Mike Buehner was told of RR workers that the rail broke and went up into the car's floor

Program for the evening was presented by Bruce Lutheran "Bridges to Buffalo"

Pictures from the November Meeting.

*Photos by:
Ron Sieloff*



Next Division 5 Meeting – January 4th, 2008.

Division 5 BOD Meeting Notes

November 19, 2007

Meeting came to order at 7:30 PM

Attended: Kirk Pohto, Bruce Lutheran, Dale Smith, Lenny Kessler, Harley Smith,
Rick Montgomery, Wayne Lette, Bonnie Lette

Budget requests were presented and the entire budget was reviewed and discussed. There are still some figures of the budget that were not available at the time of the meeting. These figures will be updated and a preliminary budget will be presented at the December BOD will be finalized.

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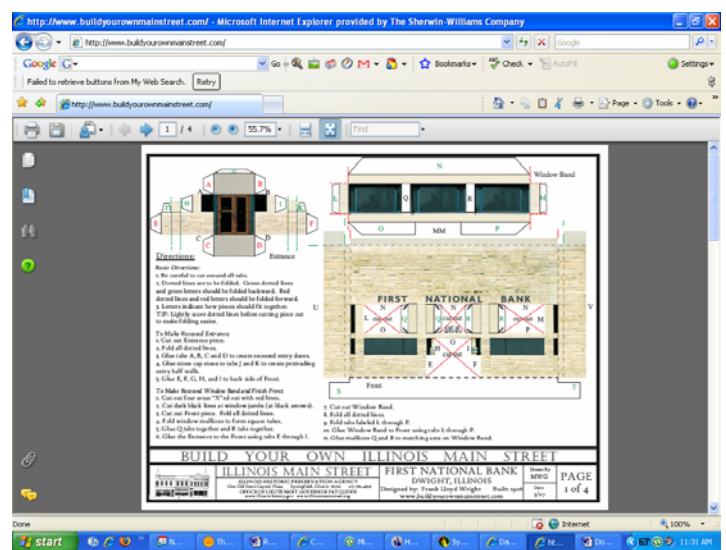
By: Kenneth Stroebel

Looking for a cheap way to increase the number of buildings within your town setting? The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency has a website which offers HO scale models of various historic buildings which can be found in Illinois towns. They currently offer plans for 10 build-

ings, consisting of several office or commercial buildings, banks, or retail establishments. All of the buildings are produced in the .pdf format, and include a brief description of the structure as well as assembly instructions and a final picture. The .pdf file contains a complete building, including side and back walls, as well as a roofline. To make a building, it's as easy printing

the .pdf file onto heavy cardstock paper, followed by gluing and assembling the building. If you want a slightly sturdier building as I did, print the building to regular paper and then glue it onto a styrene sheet with thickness of your choice. For my purposes, I had some left over 0.010-inch styrene that made the building quite sturdy. If you only want part of the building, you can

decide how much of the side-wall is needed, and then produce a partial building which projects outward from your wall. And if you don't need a 3-dimensional building, the front of the building can be attached to your back wall to give a background. <http://www.buildyourownmainstreet.com/>



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**There will be no
December Division 5 Meeting**

**January Trainwire
Deadline December 20th.**

**Division 5 Membership
as of November 1st, 2007**



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Division 5 Christmas Party.

When: Friday December 7, 2007 @ 6:00 PM
Dinner served @ 7:00 PM

Where: Carl's Overlook Restaurant
4338 Lake Rd.
Ashtabula, Ohio

Entertainment: Buffet Dinner
Chinese Gift Exchange
Lucky Loser's Raffle Drawing
Program (a surprise)

Cost of Event: **\$7.00** for Division 5 member
\$7.00 for one guest of Division 5 member
\$10.00 for each additional guest

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