



The Trainwire.



Off the Mainline...

by: Al Cap

Well it's my turn at the engineer's seat. I, the Board, and the Trustees will try to make the journey a smooth and pleasant ride. We will occasionally be calling upon you, the membership, to assist us. You have in the past always been willing to help, so that will make the curves and bumps easier to handle. I wish I could have attended the recent convention, but family matters called me to St. Louis for that weekend. I would like to hear your

comments on it at the upcoming meeting. Since we are having a general bull session as the program, this is the time for it. The 2009 MCR convention is scheduled for Columbus, OH and 2010 is being held in Charleston, WV. As you have heard, we were formally going to ask to host the 2011 MCR Convention during the Regional BOD meeting. It is now official. The 2005 convention went well, so we have a solid base to work upon. While in St. Louis I managed

to visit the Union Station and the Transportation Museum in Kirkwood. Also visited a couple of the hobby shops. Union Station has been converted into a shopping mall, but they kept the character on the station, so it was still impressive. The museum in Kirkwood is a very worthwhile trip. When I download the pictures, I'll try to do an article on it. I will have the MCR freight depot kits at the June Meeting. If you ordered one please bring your payment.



Al Cap – Superintendent
 Division 5
 NMRA – Mid Central Region



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Railroads in the Park.

I wanted to thank NMRA Division 5, the LENS group and Cap Toys for helping out with the Railroads in the Park programs. Everything went quite well, despite the weather on Saturday. Our total visitation for the weekend was actually as much this year as last, it's just that we had most of them on Sunday. In case your interested it was just over 1,400 for the two

days. I thought that the Railroading Merit Badge went well and I appreciate the Division's support in supplying the kits and in helping out with the several activities. A special thanks to Ken for all the work he puts into the merit badge program.

I am sorry that I was not available to work on the tear down, being in another part of the state altogether, so I hope everything went smoothly.

Once again thank you all for making this a successful weekend and introducing a lot of folks to the fun of railroading.

Sincerely,

Andy Baker

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

Division 5 monthly meetings normally start at 7:30 PM.

June 6th

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: Bull Session
 Bring & Brag: Sugar Shack Unplugged.

July

No Meeting

August 1st

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: (open)
 Bring & Brag: What you are working on.

September

Location: Willoughby Town Hall
 Program: Frontier Days
 Bring & Brag: (none)

October 3rd

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Division 5 BOD Meeting	June 16th
Farm Park Kirtland, Ohio	
NTrak National Convention	June 25 - 29
Kentucky International Convention Center Louisville, Kentucky	
Division 5 Family Picnic	July 12th
Hambden Township Park Pavillion #4	
NMRA National Convention	July 13 - 19
Anaheim, California	
Willoughby Rail Days	Aug. 9 - 10
Downtown Willoughby	
Frontier Days	Sept. 4 - 7
Willoughby Town Hall Willoughby, Ohio	
NCR Convention	Sept. 19 - 21
Toledo, Ohio	
Train Night	Sept. 20
Masonic Lodge Euclid, 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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Letters to the Editor

I would like to write an article & do a clinic about the B & O Lake Branch from Warren to Fairport Harbor. If there's room in the upcoming **Trainwire** would you include a request for **pictures, slides, negatives, & special information** pertaining to the **B & O** lake branch from Warren to Fairport Harbor? I already have the historical informa-

tion and lots of pictures of motive power and cars on the line. I'm primarily looking for pictures of structures, bridges, and equipment along the right of way. I also would be interested in any **unusual information** about the branch line. I have the ability to scan pictures, slides & negatives with a digital scanner and therefore would not have to worry about losing or dam-

aging anything by a third party. I also have software to digitally repair or improve poor quality photos. I can be contacted by phone (440/286-9690) or email at rkasperzak@msn.com.

Thanks,

Rich Kacprzak



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Division 5 Meeting Minutes.

May 2, 2008

Membership meeting May 2, 2008 - Lake Farm Park - Kirtland, Ohio.

Greeted Visitors

Chuck Limbert – LENS member – models in N scale

Division 5 Picnic

Voted on the date of July 5th or July 12th

July 12th won – it will be at the Hambden Township Park across the street from the Townhall

NMRA MCR Convention will be May 15th – 18th put on by Division 4

MCR Freight House – signup sheet available, please turn in your money for the houses

BOD Meeting will be held at the Hambden Townhall on May 19th

Railfest 2009 – the same dates at the GATS train show will be at the IX Center. It has been decided by the board to keep Railfest on the weekend that is planned in March

This weekend Farm Park will be doing the **Boy Scout Railroad Merit Badge** – 27 scouts are signed up, volunteers to help with the kit building are needed.

Election results – your new Superintendent is Al Cap, Assistant Superintendent is Dale Smith, and Treasurer is Bonnie Lette. All volunteer positions are being decided on and will be in place by June 1st when the new officers take over.

Frank Russell is out of the hospital and at Heartland for rehabilitation from hip replacement – he is doing well

CSX is replacing the cross-over diamonds on the double main line in Ashtabula near the old NY Central Depot. The North diamond will be replaced on Saturday and the South diamond will be replaced on Sunday (May 3 & May 4)

Financial report was given

Railfest 2009 – the Lakeland College is confirmed

Promo Day 2009 will be held at Lakeland College

Modules are here at Lake Farm Park and are running this weekend

Bring N Brag – Whimsical

Matt Kross	Don Bittner
Warren Linder	Larry Novak
Dave Metzger	Kirk Pohto
Alan Arthur	Bill Brodie

Broke for Refreshments, Raffle and to run trains

Pictures from Railroads in the Park.



Next Division 5 Meeting – June 6th, 2008.

Division 5 BOD Meeting Notes

May 19th, 2008

Attended: Kirk Pohto, Dale Smith, Al Cap, Matt Kross, Harley Smith, Don Bittner, Wayne Lette, Rob Bowers, Lenny Kessler, Mike Buehner, Bonnie Lette

NMRA MCR BOD meeting held at the convention

The bid for the 2011 MCR Convention was approved for Division 5 to put on. Dale had some information from the Geneva State Lodge (one possible location). Was asked if we could hold the convention in the fall instead of the spring – there was mixed thoughts on this idea. Nothing decided at this time. Other possible changes were discussed. Dale & Matt will be going back to the fall Region BOD meeting with more information.

2013 NMRA National Convention is being held in **Pittsburgh, PA.**

The possible joint convention with Niagara Frontier in Erie, PA is going to be declined.

Regional 2009 Convention to be held in **Columbus** has their registration forms out and available – it is going to be around DCC & the latest technology in model railroading

GATS Trainshow – cost is \$7.00/person plus parking

Kirk let the Region BOD know the disappointment our Division has for the GATS to hold their show the same weekend as Railfest. It was mentioned that other divisions have had run ins with GATS too.

Rob announced that he will be working on doing some changes to the Railfest flyer – like \$5.00 fee and free parking

The MCR Region has the new kit in production – PPR Passenger Shelter will be available soon.

July 12th Picnic has been confirmed

Held at the **Hambden Township Park** (*across from the town hall*) in **Pavilion #4** (*the pavilion furthest to the right (east) as you enter the park*)

The pavilion is reserved from 2:00 PM till dark – dinner will be at 5:30 PM

Food is lined up with Carl's Overlook – Hamburger, Brats, Sauerkraut, Potato Salad, Beans, Chips, Cole Slaw, assorted Pies, coffee. The Division will provide the pop.

Dale motioned to guarantee 25 to Carl and the minimum amount to be paid; Wayne 2nd – all voted yes

Costs were discussed and Dale motioned that the membership will be charged \$5.00/person with a maximum \$10.00/family – the Division is paying the balance; Wayne 2nd – all voted yes

Dale will need a head count by July 1st and the money paid for those that are attending the picnic

The new officers and Railfest chairman will meet to change the signatures on the accounts for the division and Railfest.

The new elected officers are Superintendent – Al Cap, Assistant Superintendent – Dale Smith, Treasurer – Bonnie Lette.

The new volunteered positions are:

Clerk – Matt Kross; Trustees – Wayne Lette, Bruce Lutheran, Mike Buehner, Don Bittner; Module Coordinator – Rick Montgomery, Promo Day Coordinator – Bruce Lutheran; Railfest Chairman – Rob Bowers; Webmaster – Wayne Lette; Company Store – Al Cap; 2011 Convention Co-Chairs – Dale Smith & Matt Kross; Achievement Program & Contest Coordinator – Bill Brodie; Auditors – Matt Kross & Mike Schaab; Trainwire Editor – Lenny Kessler; Refreshments – Ron Biddell; Membership Roster – Matt Kross

The following volunteer positions are still open:

Trip Master, Clinic/Program Director, Publicity Chairman

Any one interested in these positions please contact **Al or Dale**

Team Trackwww.MCR5.org

Division 5 Officers

(Terms expire June 2010)

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June Division 5 Meeting

June 6, 2008

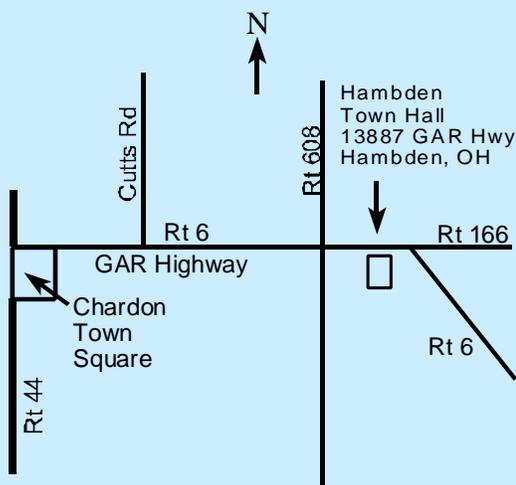
Location: **Hambden Town Hall**
13887 GAR Highway (Route 6)
Chardon, Ohio

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

Program: Bull Session

Bring & Brag Theme: Sugar Shack Unplugged

*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

July Trainwire
Deadline June 20th.

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