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An Email Request

received an email from Dick Bradley for the Lake Shore Railway Historical Society the other day requesting all to keep an eye out for a stolen builders plate of a 25-ton switch engine. I am posting the actual email and included photos. - The Editor.

e got Ellwoods' 25tonner donated to the Lake
Shore Railway Historical
Society as of today. VICTORY!!!! The bad news
is that the builders plate was
apparently stolen between
early November and now,
probably when it was parked at
the end of the spur at Irvine,

outside the plant gate. We're putting out a local APB on that builders plate. If it shows up, anyplace, ever, be aware that it was photo'd and ID'd and belongs to Lake Shore and will be considered as stolen property.





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
Village Train Shop
Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters

Willoughby, Ohio Mentor, Ohio Chardon, Ohio Perry, Ohio Geneva, Ohio



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UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

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

February

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: Nickel Plate past

Bring & Brag: Open

March

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: Big Sky Memories-Railfanning the MRL

Bring & Brag: Green Theme

April

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: NMRA Achievement Program

(Bring your certificate)

Bring & Brag: Foolish Models

The Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum

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

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Saturday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday Noon - 5:00 PM

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SCHEDULED EVENTS

LENS	Feb. 7 & 8
Geneva State Lodge	
9am-5pm	
Division 5 BOD Meeting	Feb. 16
Hambden, Ohio @7:30 PM	
WRMRRM	Feb. 21
Winter Open House	
Mentor, Ohio	
10am-6pm	
Railfest	Mar. 14 & 15
Lakeland College	
Mentor, Ohio	
Division 5 BOD Meeting	Mar. 16
Hambden, Ohio @7:30 PM	Mar. 16
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Online Modeling Resources

Article and photos by: Kenneth Stroebel

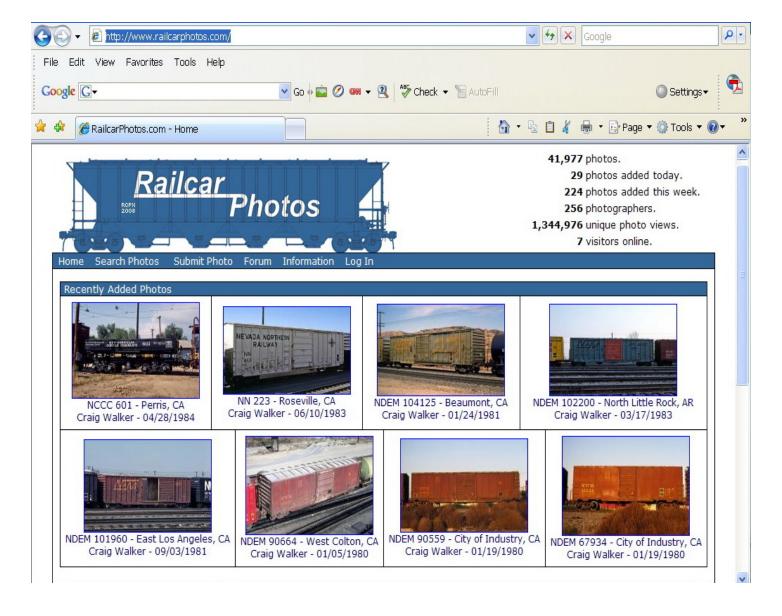
ne of the great things about the Internet is the wide variety of information available to the model railroader. While searching for information via search engines such as Google may provide many sources to review, this month I thought I'd share several excellent websites I've come across for those of us who are interested in detailing and weathering engines, rolling stock, and miscellaneous pro-

totypical vehicles and support equipment. Whenever I purchase a commercially available kit, my first stop is a search of several websites to see if I can find a photo of the car or engine, so that it can be prototypically weathered or additional equipment added. The first site i s www.railcarphotos.com. As the name implies, this is an online database that contains approximately 42000 images of various railcars, including

rolling stock, passenger cars and maintenance of way equipment. Searching for an image uploaded by any of the various contributors is very easy, as there are basically two ways to search. The first is a detailed menu, which offers you a wide variety of search categories, such as matching via reporting marks, car type, car number, AAR class, etc. The second type of search is based simply on car type, and the author has included ap-

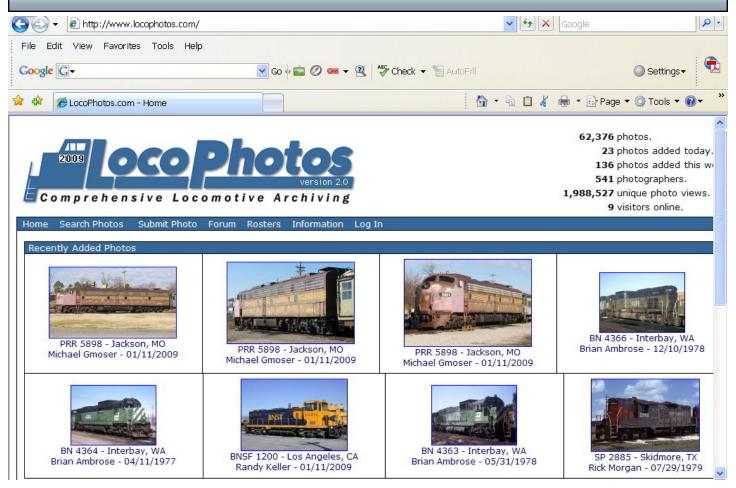
proximately 55 different types for you to search through. For example, there were over 8600 photos alone for boxcars. You can also search the database by looking at recent additions posted to the photo database. There's also a forum for asking questions about weathering or detailing freight cars.

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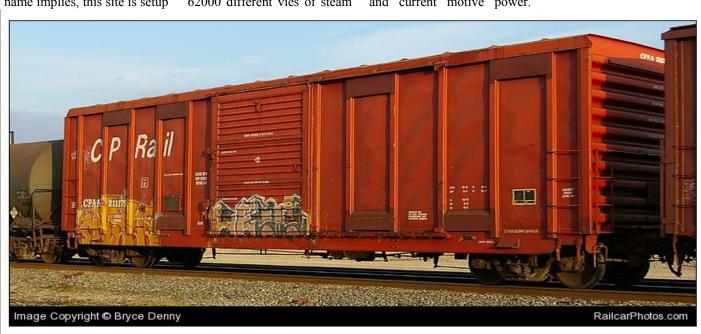
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The companion site is www.locophotos.com. As the name implies, this site is setup

for finding locomotive engines. This site has just over 62000 different vies of steam

and diesel engine power, with the ability to search historical and current motive power. The setup is same as the previous search discussion.





Division 5 Meeting Minutes.

January 2, 2009

Superintendent Al Cap called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall.

Approximately 23 members and five guests were present.

There was discussion about moving our annual party. Members present were open to moving it to January but a number of other ideas were presented. There were also a number of questions raised. Will we still skip the December meeting? Should we make it a Valentines Day party? Would it be better to have it on a day other than Friday and at a different time, maybe a Saturday or Sunday afternoon? Should we keep it in December but have it on a Saturday/Sunday afternoon and be finished before Farmpark layout operating times? The BOD will discuss these ideas and questions at their upcoming meetings.

Convention planning update: The convention naming contest is currently underway. Several entries have already been received. Mike Buehner is working on the layout tours. We will be having some Division 5 layout tours during the next two years before the convention to help people practice having their layouts open. We will try to start this summer. We would like to split the tours over several days or multiple weekends. We are looking for more people to open up their layouts for tours. We will probably be sending out a new Division 5 layout survey in the near future.

Ideas for Bring & Brag themes: Green theme for March, Maintenance of Way, mountain railroading, offline structures, true wooden models, water related, February – Valentines Day – red & white theme, tourist railroads.

We need people to put on meeting programs. We also need ideas for programs. Some suggested program topics were: Advanced DCC – Troubleshooting and animation. Ken Stroebel said that he will contact several people he knows about putting on a program.

Members were reminded about the Division 5 award for building and displaying a new model railroad display.

There was more discussion about the HO modules. Issues that were brought up included: individual modules versus a portable layout, individual effort versus group plan, ability of people to work on the modules, should we go back to individual responsibility and taking them home?

Bring & Brag:

Ken Stroebel Bill Berger Mike Harkleroad Bill Smith Warren Lindner Rich Kacprzak

Jack Metcalf

Dave Neff presented a clinic on building wood structures and helpful tools to use for model building.

Submitted by Matt Kross, Division 5 Clerk





Sat & Sun March 14th & 15th

10am to 4pm

Model Railroad Show and Flea Market

Operating Layouts

N Scale Layouts (Regional NTrak)

HO Scale Layout

S Scale & American Flyer (Cuyahoga Valley S Gaugers)

Lionel O Gauge LGB G Gauge

Live Steam Display (Lake Shore Live Steamers)

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Lakeland Community College Kirtland Ohio

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Division 5 BOD Meeting Notes

January 19, 2009

Present: Al Cap, Dale Smith, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Don Bittner, Mike Buehner, Matt Kross, Lenny Kessler, Rob and Carol Bowers.

Rob Bowers provided a report on Railfest 2009 planning. 62 tables have been sold so far. Money is tight for dealers and so they are slow in responding. We will have a lot more smaller dealers and individuals selling this year. We lost about 12 dealers due to them going to the GATS show at the Cleveland IX Center the same weekend. Working on rearranging Gym D table layout. We are looking into doing some advertising on the west side of Cleveland. Due to rising costs, we need to cut back on the number of free entries and free tables. We need to at least charge for our "per table" cost. We dropped the supplemental insurance that we had been buying. The NMRA insurance is sufficient to cover us. We will probably adopt the wristband ID method used by Division 4 at their Berea show this past Fall. We are considering putting a limit on the number of free entries that dealers and groups will be permitted. Due to continually increasing costs, we are going to need to increase either the table fee and/or the entrance fee. One of the classrooms is available for miscellaneous use. We will probably have our Div 5 information table and NMRA sign-up area in that room. The Railfest Committee will meet on February 9th at 7:00pm at the Lakeland Gym gameroom area.

We were contacted by someone wanting to sell a 12' x 20' G layout on plywood. If interested, contact Dale Smith.

We need to emphasize to members and dealers that expired Division 5 certificates will not be accepted.

A preliminary Div 5 Membership Guide has been written by Matt Kross and presented to the BOD for review. It is mainly intended for new members, but it has information that is useful to all members. Once it is completed and approved, copies will be sent to all members.

Upcoming meeting programs and Bring & Brag themes:

Program: Bring & Brag Theme:

NKP Past – Gary Shaffer open

Mar Montana Railfanning – Ken Stroebel "Something Green"

Apr NMRA AP – Bill Brodie "Foolish Models"

MayNone – module setup at FarmparkStock CarsJunFreedom Train video – Mike BuehnerWater related

Next BOD meeting will be February 16, 2009 at Hambden Town Hall at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by Matt Kross, Div 5 Clerk

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Off the Rails

By: Ken Stroebel

ack in the August issue of the Trainwire, I submitted several photos from locations that I have had a chance to visit and wanted to share some experiences with Division 5 members and asked that other members submit their own photos to share. While this hasn't happened as of yet, this month I throw out several photos from the Cleveland area that you or may not

recognize. Again the intent of this article is to encourage anyone to submit some photos and text describing what you were railfanning or photographing. The first photo is from the old Olgeby-Norton docks, when the Canadian motor vessel Rt. Hon. Paul J. Martin was in port. The Rt. Hon. Paul J Martin is 740 feet long by 78 feet at the beam, and carries a compliment of 24. The vessel's self-unloading equipment is a

twin-belt gravity system with a loop-belt elevator, which can unload at a rate of 6,000 short tons per hour. While the Rt. Hon. Paul J. Martin was getting ready to depart, the tracks and loading equipment you see to the right are actively in use to handle stone and taconite ore. Photos two and three are views taken from the drawbridge tower of the NS bridge at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River. I've been fortunate to

know one of the tower operators for many years, and occasionally get a chance to visit and take some photos. Unfortunately when I was last there in early December, the NS only seemed to be running eastbound trains. For those who want to photograph from a public location, Wendy Park is just north of the rails and gives a great view of the bridge and Cleveland skyline.









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Your Help Is Needed For The 2011 Convention

Division 5's 2011 Convention is just a little over two years away. We have already started to form our convention committee. There are a lot of jobs associated with putting on a convention and so we have a lot of openings for **Division 5 members** to pitch in and make this the best convention ever!

The following is a **list** of the various positions that we need to put on the convention along with a brief list of the responsibilities. The positions that have a name listed after them have already been filled. Please contact Matt Kross or Dale Smith if you are willing to help out in any of the areas.

If you are interested in helping out with a particular task but don't want to be in charge of it, please let us know. Many of these tasks need more than one person, so you could be part of that sub-committee. Also, you can be involved in more than one area. Let us know. We would like to start having convention committee meetings within the next few months to begin our planning.

2011 Convention Jobs

Convention Co-Chairmen - Dale Smith and Matt Kross

Registrar (handle all aspects of the registration process) - Dennis Lloyd

Treasurer (handle all financial aspects) - Bonnie Lette

Clinic Coordinator (recruit clinicians, determine clinic schedule, make signs, arrange for audio/visual equipment) - open

Prototype / Industry Tour Coordinator (line up tours, arrange for transportation, line up tour leaders, coordinate tour departures) – *open*

Layout Tour Coordinator (line up home and club layouts, gather layout information, line up operating sessions, draw up driving maps, draw up overview of layout locations) – *Mike Buehner*

Non-Rail Activities Coordinator (line up various tours and activities for the spouses or families such as museum visits, lunches, dinners, tour of area sites) — *open*

Company Store Coordinator (determine rules and procedures, coordinate sellers and merchandise, recruit people to man the store, track sales) – *open*

Door Prize Coordinator (solicit prize donations, determine method of distribution and frequency, handle posting winners list, encourage thank you letters be sent to donors) – *open*

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Raffle Coordinator (solicit prize donations, set up raffle process, recruit people to sell tickets, draw tickets, handle posting winners list, encourage thank you letters be sent to donors) - *open*

Publicity Coordinator (handle all aspects of publicity for the convention - fliers, magazine ads, Radio/TV ads, etc.) - *open*

Banquet Coordinator (work with the hotel to plan the awards banquet, line-up the featured speaker, handle seating signup, coordinate audio/visual equipment needed, handle table centerpieces, arrange for door prizes, etc.) — *open*

Web-site Coordinator (optional) (set up a web site for the convention and keep it updated with the latest information) – Wayne Lette

Facility / Reservations Coordinator (work with the hotel to arrange for meeting rooms, guest room reservations, room setups, facility problems, etc.) – *convention chairmen (for now)*

Publications Coordinator (publish fliers, develop convention letterhead, registration form, convention timetable, convention updates, layout tour guide/maps, railfanning guide, guide to area businesses, etc.) – *open*

Contest Coordinator (work with MCR contest chairman, contest room setup) - open

Silent Auction Coordinator (determine rules and procedures, develop entry forms, process entry registrations, sales room setup, sales room monitoring, tabulating, collecting money from buyers, distributing items, distributing money to sellers) - **open**

Live Auction Coordinator (optional) (room setup, line-up an auctioneer, entry registrations, collecting payments, recording transactions) - open

Help Desk Coordinator (optional) (put together useful information for the convention attendee such as: lists of area places to eat, locations of drugstores, shopping areas, hospital, hobby shops, hardware stores, etc. along with addresses and/or maps, area railfanning locations) - open

Hospitality Room Coordinator (purchase supplies, purchase refreshments, line-up volunteers to bake, room setup, line-up volunteers to keep refreshments available and fresh) – *Luann Burger*

General Helpers: Ken Stroebel

The "Valley That Changed the World"

By: Rich Kacprzak

wanted to use the rail passes that I won in the Division 5 raffle for the Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad, so on a sunny weekend in October I took my wife and grandsons on an overnight trip to Titusville, Pennsylvania. It can be done in one day because it takes about two hours to get there, but I wanted to do some sightseeing and chase the train as well as ride it. The Oil Creek

& Titusville RR is a short line that makes most of its money hauling freight. The excursion train makes a 26-mile round trip through Oil Creek State Park from the Perry Street Station in Titusville to the Rynd Farm Station about three miles north of Oil City. Along the route, a narrated audiotape provides general information about the events that happened in the Oil Creek valley and points out many historic sites. Volunteers

on the train also answer questions about equipment and other specifics not mentioned in the narration. The sold-out train we rode consisted of an Alco engine pulling eight restored coaches named for famous people from the oil rush era, an open car, and the last active U.S. Railway Post Office. We wrote out postcards and mailed them to ourselves from the train. Dick Roth, who donated the tickets for the raf-

fle, was on board as the train's conductor for our trip. In 1859 Colonel Edwin Drake struck oil just south of Titusville and boomtowns sprang up throughout the valley, which was the site of the first commercial oil well. Oil is still being pumped today in the area, which is used for lubrication. The Oil Creek State Park Petroleum Centre location includes a large picnic





area with access to a bike path, an interpretive board-walk trail along the crumbling remains of foundations where buildings once stood, and a small visitors center in the train station. It is a good spot take pictures as the train passes by. Another good picture spot is at the Drake

Well station, where the Drake Well Museum is located. The museum and the grounds surrounding it contain interactive exhibits, dioramas, and historic equipment and displays. An introductory film about the "valley that changed the world" is shown, but the nominal admission is worth it to see the longer

film, which is the story of Edwin Drake portrayed by a very young Vincent Price. We could have stayed in one of the 21 caboose motel rooms located next to the Perry Street Station in Titusville, but we opted for the lower-cost Comfort Inn two blocks away that offered a continental breakfast and an indoor

pool. A rail yard, where some of the freight cars and old equipment were stored temporarily, was behind our motel. Thanks again to Dick Roth, who made our very enjoyable trip possible.

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"Valley That Changed the World" cont......



Petroleum Centre boardwalk in Oil Creek.



Rynd Farm Station north of Oil City.



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Engine runaround at Rynd Farm.



Engine recoupling before heading back.



Scenery from the open car on the train ride.



Drake Well Station just south of Titusville.



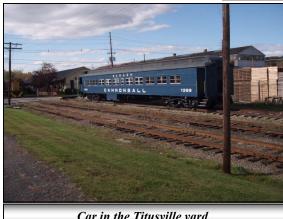
Drake Well Museum.



Alco engine back in Titusville.



Another engine in the Titusville yard.









Division 5 "2011 Convention" Naming Contest

Here's your chance to be creative and earn yourself some Div 5 certificates. We are trying to come up with a name, logo, theme, and possibly a slogan for the Mid Central Region convention that Division 5 will be hosting in 2011. We are holding a contest for Division 5 members to come up with the best name for the convention.

For our 2005 convention, the convention name was "Hulett Heritage", our theme was "Lake-to-Rail Connections" with the Hulett ore unloader part of the convention focus, and our slogan was "5 in 5" which was short for "Division 5 in 2005". Our logo was the image of a Hulett ore unloader:

Contest Rules:

Contest is open to Division 5 members, family, and friends.

You may enter as many times as you want.

All entries must be submitted by March 9, 2009.

In the case of duplicate ideas, the first entry received with the selected idea will be the winner.

Winning entries will be determined by the convention co-chairmen. The convention co-chairmen are not eligible for the prizes. However, if no suitable entries are received, the convention co-chairmen can determine their own name for the convention

Prizes:

Winning Convention Name - \$25 Division 5 Certificate
Winning Convention Logo - \$25 Division 5 Certificate
Winning Convention Theme - \$10 Division 5 Certificate
Winning Convention Slogan - \$10 Division 5 Certificate

Points to consider when coming up with your entries:

2011 will be Division 5's 50th anniversary

Points of interest in northeast Ohio such as the wineries, covered bridges, nurseries, agriculture, Amish communities, and Lake Erie.

Railroads in our area: CSX, NS, B&LE, AC&J

Past railroads in our area: PRR, NYC, PC, NKP, Erie, EL, etc. Passenger trains, past and present, traveling through our area

Lake ports, water-to-rail connections, industries

Get Your Convention Naming Contest Entries In!

You only have until the March Division 5 meeting to get your contest entries submitted. We have four people who have submitted their convention naming ideas. We would like more people to get involved. The rules and entry form were in the January Trainwire. Additional copies will be available at the February and March meetings. You can download the January Trainwire from the Div 5 website and get the forms that way.

Reminder: Div 5 Certificates Have Expiration Dates

This is a reminder that Division 5 Award Certificates have a one year expiration date. We have told the dealers not to accept expired certificates and that the Division will not reimburse them for expired certificates. The purpose of the certificates is to encourage you to make model railroad purchases NOW, not years from now. Check your certificates. If any have expired, sorry, throw them away!



Division 5 Convention Naming Contest Entry Form

Your Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	E-mail:
My contest entries are:	(if more space is needed, write your additional entries on the back of this form or submit separate contest forms)
Convention Name:	
Convention Slogan:	
Convention Themes	
Convention Logo: (sketch your ideas)	
(SKELLIT YOUT TUCUS)	

Submit your entry by either: 1.) mailing the completed form to Matt Kross, 12049 Sperry Road, Chesterland, OH 44026, 2.) giving it to Matt Kross or Dale Smith at a Division 5 function, or 3.) e-mailing the above information to Convention@mcr5.org.



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February Division 5 Meeting

February 6th, 2009.

Location: Hambden Town Hall

13887 GAR Highway (Route 6)

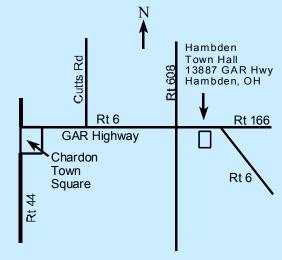
Chardon, Ohio

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

Program: Nickel Plate past

Bring & Brag Theme: Open

Reminder: Bring & Brag entries <u>DO NOT</u> 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

March Trainwire Deadline February 20th.

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