



The Trainwire.



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Superintendent's Message.

Well **Railfest** is over. We can relax for a little bit. It appears we did rather well. We don't have final numbers yet, but preliminary figures look good. The weather wasn't too bad nor too good. That made unloading and loading of the vendors a lot easier. The event on the other side of town put on by PUTZ, my name for them, had an effect, but ours was a true model railroad venue. Not a kids toys show. Rest period is over. Rob Bowers has submitted his resignation as Railfest Chairman effective closing of the books on the past show. His health will not let him continue. Rob has done a great job with Railfest these past 9-10 years. He deserves a huge **THANK YOU** from all of us

in the Division. Without his leadership Railfest would not be the success it has been. While I'm at it, I want to thank all division members and spouses who helped out. We put in a lot of long hours with lots of sore feet and aching backs and a few headaches. With that said the Board has another task to complete. Jim Wendorf has stated he would like to take over for Rob as Chairman of Railfest. Jim has been Rob's Assistant for the last 2 years. I think he is capable of handling the position. Unless someone can convince me otherwise, I intend to appoint him Railfest Chairman at the next regular meeting. Now we need an Assistant for Jim. Who of you would like to volunteer? I want several. It has become obvious 2 people can-



Al Cap – Superintendent
 Division 5
 NMRA – Mid Central Region

not plan this by themselves. Granted, others have helped in the planning, but I want to formalize the positions. This is too big a thing to just plan as we go. There are a number of other things I would like to voice an opinion on, but I'll do it at the April meeting. Be there! ☘

Condolences to the Pickel family.

Division 5 member Ken Pickel died March 4, 2009.

May he rest in Peace.

Kenneth Lynn Pickel

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UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

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

April

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: NMRA Achievement Program
(Bring your certificate)
 Bring & Brag: Foolish Models

May

Location: Lake Farmpark
 Program: HO layout set up
 Bring & Brag: Stock Car

June

Location: TBA
 Program: Freedom Train
 Bring & Brag: Patriotic

The Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum

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

Fall Hours

Monday thru Thursday 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Friday — Closed

Saturday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday Noon - 5:00 PM

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

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SCHEDULED EVENTS

NMRA MCR Division 11 Train Show & Jamboree Grove City, Pa. 16127 (refer to flyer page ?)	Apr. 4
WRMRRM Spring Open House Mentor, Ohio 10am-6pm	Apr. 18
Division 5 BOD Meeting Hambden, Ohio @7:30 PM	Apr. 20
Mid-Central Regional Convention Columbus, Ohio	Apr. 30 - May 3
Railroad in the Park Lake Farm Park Kirtland, Ohio	May 2 & 3
Dave Eggleston's (Operating Session) Jamestown, New York (contact Dale Smith (440) 286-4932)	May 9
Division 5 BOD Meeting Hambden, Ohio @7:30 PM	May 18

Division 5 Meeting Minutes.

March 6, 2009

Superintendent Al Cap called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at the Hambden Town Hall. Approximately 32 members and 6 guests were present.

Members were informed of the NMRA ballot problem that was contained in the recent Scale Rails. New ballots are being mailed to all NMRA members.

Members were reminded that the Mid Central Region ballots are due by April 1.

Various communications received by the Division were highlighted.

The convention naming contest deadline is March 9th. After that date, the entries will be reviewed by Dale Smith and Matt Kross. The first convention committee meeting will be held on March 21 to begin the planning process in detail.

Treasurer Bonnie Lette provided the balances for the various Division 5 financial accounts.

Discussed the upcoming Railfest. A Railfest job signup sheet was passed around. We will have approximately 105 dealers this year. There are a number of dealers that will be at both our Railfest and the trainshow at the IX Center which means they have reduced the number of tables they would normally have at Railfest.

Information about recent and upcoming events at the **Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum** were provided. The museum had a very successful open house recently where they had 1200 people come through. The next open house is April 18th. Work is proceeding on the S and Lionel layouts.

Lake Metroparks will again be having the "Railroads In The Parks" weekend. We will have the Division 5 HO layout at the Farmpark along with the Lake Erie N-scale Society N-Trak layout. We will again work with Farmpark to conduct a Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge workshop on Saturday.

It was mentioned that there is a worthwhile website to visit for used HO items. It is a Yahoo group called "HO Yard Sale".

Membership news: Division 5 member Ken Pickel died March 4th. Former member and friend of the Division Al Bush has been having eyesight and heart problems which is why we haven't seen him around.

Bring & Brag: Theme for the night: Something Green (for St. Patrick's Day)

Ken Stroebel

Bill Smith

Jack Metcalf

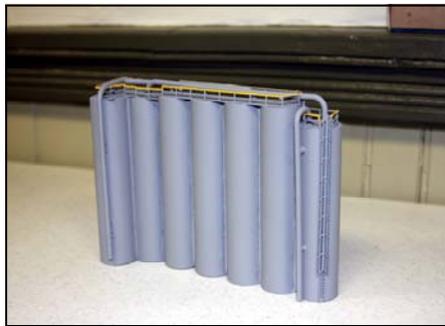
Mike Buehner

Bill Brodie

Program: Ken Stroebel presented a program on Big Sky Railfanning showing pictures taken during several business trips to Montana where he railfanned the Montana Rail Link and some of the short lines in that area.

Submitted by Matt Kross - Div 5 Clerk ☘

Pictures from March Meeting.



Division 5 BOD Meeting Notes

March 16, 2009

Attendees: Al Cap, Dale Smith, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Matt Kross, Don Bittner, Rob Bowers, Lenny Kessler, Bill Eville, Bill Brodie, and Harley Smith

Rob Bowers provided a review of how Railfest 2009 went. All money we have received has been deposited. We are still owed some money from various dealers. We have paid the bills we have received so far. There are still a number of bills to pay, the main one being to the college. An initial rough guess is that we will clear between \$8,000 and \$10,000, which is about average for Railfest, so we were not adversely affected by the WGH show. We did not have any major incidents or problems this year. It really helped to have a specific Division 5 person assigned to handle issues in each gym. We have 20 vendors signed-up for next year.

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Division 5 BOD Meeting Notes

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Rob Bowers has decided to step down as Railfest chairman after 10 years of service. Rob will continue to close out the financial issues for Railfest 2009, but once that task is completed, his work is done. The BOD thanked Rob for all the work he has put into making Railfest a great trainshow. A new Railfest chairman is needed soon so that Railfest 2010 planning can begin. A Railfest committee will also be formed to support the chairman in the planning and running of the show.

There was discussion about things we can do to continue to improve how we run Railfest. We still need to work on how to limit the number of free admissions. This needs to be addressed with each exhibiting group a couple of months ahead of the show. We need to look at new ways to advertise. The postcards that were done this year seemed like a good idea and were relatively inexpensive. We need to better describe "Family" pricing. We need to handle the presale better to avoid congestion. We need to have more Railfest committee planning meetings and we also need to have people that are handling key jobs at Railfest attend a training session so we are all doing things the same way.

Matt Kross had asked that someone take over his position as one of the Div 5 auditors. Dennis Lloyd has agreed to take on that responsibility. He and Mike Schaab have scheduled a meeting with Treasurer Bonnie Lette to audit the Div 5 financial records.

Al Cap is working with a new supplier for Division 5 apparel. We will still have shirts and hats available, but now there will be more variety of styles plus you can have the Division 5 logos stitched onto other cloth products like tote bags. A coordinator is needed for this.

Programs and Bring & Brag themes were reviewed for the upcoming months.

We are looking at having a picnic again in July depending on interest. We are looking at alternate locations and activities for the picnic.

The BOD voted to move the annual Division 5 party from December to January and call it a Holiday Party. It will probably be held on either the first or second Friday of January in place of the normal Div 5 meeting. This is still to be determined.

The convention naming contest is over. Five people submitted nine different entries. Matt Kross and Dale Smith will review the submissions and come up with the convention name, theme, logo, and slogan with some help from the convention committee. The first convention committee meeting will be held March 21st.

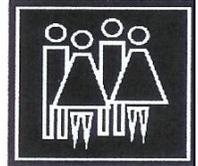
There was discussion regarding the HO module situation. The new modular layout construction has been put on hold. There has not been sufficient interest in it to continue at this time. The module frames already built as well as the material on hand can be used to build "old" style modules, but they would only be 45 inches long instead of the standard 48 inches. This is workable as long as the same number of short modules are used on each side of the layout. There are also three of the old module frames available for someone to use to build new modules. We discussed ways to improve storage and access. Bill Eville is to write up information about the HO modules for the Trainwire.

Submitted by Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk ☘



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Off the Rails - Kansas City Southern de México (KCSM)

By: Ken Stroebel

A recent trip to the city of Monterrey, Mexico, allowed me to photograph some trains of the Kansas City Southern de Mexico, which was formerly the Transportación Ferroviaria Mexicana (TFM). The KCSM is owned and operated by Kansas

City Southern Industries, who has the rights to operate and maintain a rail system through a concession from the Mexican government. Kansas City Southern de Mexico was originally formed in 1996 when Kansas City Southern Industries and Transportacion Maritima Mexicana (TMM)

purchased a government concession to operate on a rail system in Mexico. Monterrey is a very busy city, with the KCSM running through a portion of the downtown area, as well as the surrounding industrial and residential neighborhoods. I was fortunate enough to be able to

capture several trains that passed by daily, although my vantage point was the roof and not the best location to photograph from. ☘



Bulletin Board.

Thank You Rob Bowers!

Division 5 thanks to Rob Bowers on another successful Railfest! Everything went well this year in spite of our "competition". Rob has decided to step down as Railfest Chairman after ten years in the position. Thank you Rob for all the work that you put into Division 5's Railfest.

What Can We Do To Celebrate Our 50th Anniversary?

Division 5 will celebrate its 50th anniversary in January 2011. What can we do to celebrate? We need your ideas and suggestions. Yes, we know it is two years away, but we need to start planning now. One of the main things we are doing is hosting the MCR convention in 2011 as part of our celebration. What were you doing in January 1961? Does anyone have items from the early days of the Division like old Trainwires, MCR Kingpins, pictures, etc? We would like to know about them. We don't need them now, but we would like to know what is available for reference material.

2009 National Convention Bus Trip.

Division Four – MCR

The Module Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to the National Convention this July in Hartford Connecticut. We will be using the Executive Coach from BRT and will have a very comfortable ride to and from the Conven-

tion. We will be leaving on Sunday, July 5, 2009 and returning on Monday, July 13, 2009. The price of the trip is \$200.00 and this price includes round trip transportation, snacks and beverages on the bus. There are 16 seats total in the bus and several of them are already reserved

for Module Committee members, but there are still seats available. If interested, or for more information contact Sean O'Toole at (216) 228-7219 or sean@rabidrailfan.com

Division 5 Layout Survey

In preparation for the 2011 Regional Convention Division 5 will be hosting, we are beginning to work on putting together a list of potential layouts that will be open for people to visit. As an offshoot of this, we would like to begin having layout tours within our Division area during the two years prior to our convention. This survey is being conducted to find out who has a layout that they are willing to open for a tour. Keep in mind that your layout DOES NOT need to be finished (they never are), people like to see your construction and scenery techniques.

Name: _____

Street: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

- What scales do you model in? _____
- Do you have a layout? Yes No Maybe in the future
- Would you be willing to hold an Operations Session? Yes No
- Would you be willing to have your layout open as part of a Division 5 Layout Tour? (check all that apply)
 - Yes – 2009 Fall Layout Tour Yes – 2010 Spring Layout Tour
 - Yes – 2010 Fall Layout Tour Ask me again in the future
 - Yes – 2011 Convention Tour (April) No

Please provide some brief information about the current state of your layout:

Layout #1	Railroad Name: _____
Scale: _____	Overall Layout Dimensions: _____
Trackwork Percentage Complete: _____ %	Scenery Percentage Complete: _____ %
General layout description (location, era, type of railroad, operating mode, etc.):	

- Do you have additional layouts? ? No ? Yes

If yes, please describe the other layouts below (if you need more space, please attach a separate sheet of paper):

Layout #2	Railroad Name: _____
Scale: _____	Overall Layout Dimensions: _____
Trackwork Percentage Complete: _____ %	Scenery Percentage Complete: _____ %
General layout description (location, era, type of railroad, operating mode, etc.):	

- Do you know someone who is not a Division 5 member that has a layout that we should invite to be part of the Layout Tour? If so, please provide the contact information below (either an address, phone number, or e-mail):

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Bring the completed layout survey to a Division meeting or mail to:

Mike Buehner
6350 River Rd.
Madison, Ohio 44057

Pictures from Railfest 2009

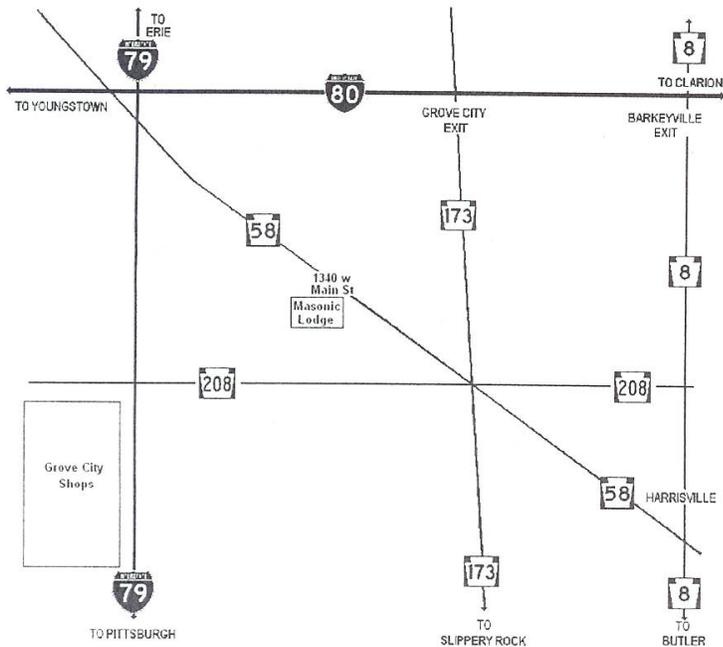


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- White Elephant Table -

Saturday April 4, 2009

-Time 10:00am to 4:00pm

Admission: Train Show and Jamboree \$5.00 - Children 12 & under FREE

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we have 5 clinics for the jamboree Hartle-on operations Bill will do a slide show Chris is going to do weathering, Jason is doing scratch building bridges& Bob Evans of the pittsburg area will be doing an clinic on scenery he has dong clinics before when we had it in clarion

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April Division 5 Meeting

April 3rd, 2009.

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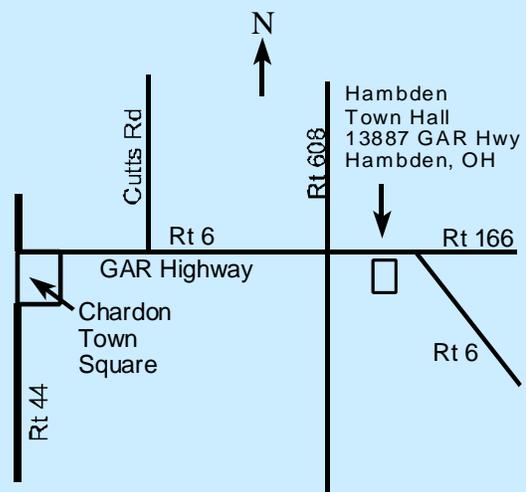
Location: **Hambden Town Hall**
13887 GAR Highway (Route 6)
Chardon, Ohio

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

Program: NMRA Achievement Program
(Bring your certificate)

Bring & Brag: Foolish Models

*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

May Trainwire Deadline
April 20th.

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