



The Trainwire.



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Superintendent's Message.

I have a number of things for the membership to think about and consider. **Jack Metcalf** fell and broke his hip a couple of weeks prior to the April meeting. I mentioned it at that meeting, but for those not there this is a **FYI**. He is still at Heather Hill and will probably be there for quite a while. He is in therapy, but it will be difficult because of age. Call him at 440-285-4040 x2311. Take 5 minutes and chat with him or why not go out and see him. He's bored just as you or I would be given the circumstances. Share a little of your time, one model railroader to another. There will be a meeting of those having HO modules and any persons interested in taking over or

building a module. It will be at Lakefarm Park on May 2nd while we are set up there for Rails in the Park. It will be at 3PM. Meet by the modules, look for Bill Eville. The **Division's 50th anniversary** is coming up in 2010. Last month Matt Kross asked, in the Trainwire, for ideas on celebrating the milestone. What do you want to do? Your input would be appreciated. **Postage** is going up in May. It cost approximately \$2.00 for every Trainwire mailed. That \$2 eats up almost 40% of our income. How many of you are still getting a paper copy when you have an e-mail address it could be sent to? We have already changed printers to cut the cost. We have cut the number of pages. I am asking



Al Cap – Superintendent
Division 5
NMRA – Mid Central Region

you to receive the Trainwire electronically and save us money. If you don't have a computer I understand. For those of you that do have a computer, why do you still insist on being mailed a paper copy? ☘

Businesses Accepting Division 5 Certificates

The businesses listed below are currently accepting Division 5's award certificates:



Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys
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UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

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

May

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

June

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: Freedom Train
 Bring & Brag: Patriotic

July

No Meeting this Month

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.
www.wrmrrm.org

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Mid-Central Regional Convention	Apr. 30 -
Columbus, Ohio	May 3
Railroad in the Park	May 2 & 3
Lake Farm Park Kirtland, Ohio	
Dave Eggleston's (Operating Session)	May 9
Jamestown, New York (contact Dale Smith (440) 286-4932)	
Division 5 BOD Meeting	May 18
Hambden, Ohio @7:30 PM	
Lou Millard's (Operating Session)	May 30
Erie, Pennsylvania (contact Dale Smith (440) 286-4932)	
Division 5 BOD Meeting	June 15
Hambden, Ohio @7:30 PM	

Division 5 Meeting Minutes.

April 3, 2009

Superintendent Al Cap called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. Approximately 29 members and 4 guests were present.

It was reported that Division 5 member **Jack Metcalf** recently broke a hip and is in Heather Hill for therapy. He doesn't know how long he will be there.

Railfest went well. We are waiting for the final bills to determine how much we made this year but it looks like it will be a normal year.

The Division 5 table at Railfest sold approximately \$1400 which was lower than past years.

Al Cap reviewed the proposed changes for the Mid Central Region Kingpin that will be discussed at the upcoming MCR BOD meeting.

A **new supplier** will be used for Division 5 apparel such as shirts and hats. The new supplier does not have minimum order quantities and has a wide range of items that the Division 5 logo can be put on. Mike Buehner volunteered to coordinate getting Division 5 apparel from the new supplier. He will select an assortment of items that can be ordered and create an order form.

Two operating sessions have been scheduled for May. On Saturday, May 9th, we will have an op session on Dave Eggleston's layout. For those interested, Dale Smith may have a possible side trip. On Saturday, May 30th, there will be an op session on Lou Malard's layout. Contact Dale Smith if you are interested in going to either session.

Jim Wendorf has volunteered to be the new **Railfest Coordinator**.

Matt Kross and Dale Smith announced the name of our 2011 convention. It will be "Rails Of Ages" in celebration of 50 years of railroading in northeast Ohio. There was no winner for the convention name category in our contest. There were winners in the logo and theme categories. The winners will be announced next month. A number of logo ideas were passed around at the meeting for members to provide feedback on.

Treasurer Bonnie Lette read off the various account balances. The Division is solvent and has money in savings.

We are trying to get members to wear their **nametags**. We are going to stop bringing the nametag rack to the meetings. Members are asked to take their nametags home with them and be responsible for wearing them at meetings and events. If anyone needs a new nametag, contact Matt Kross.

HO Module Coordinator Bill Eville reviewed the upcoming HO modular layout setups. The next setup will be at Lake Farmpark in May for Railroads In The Parks.

Division 5 will again be working with Lake Farmpark to put on a Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge workshop on Saturday, May 2nd, during the Railroads In The Parks event. We will again donate Division 5 HO reefers to use in the workshop. We will need a number of volunteers to help the scouts assemble the car kits and to allow them to run trains on the modular layouts.

No progress to report on **Promo Day 2009** planning. We are having a hard time getting a response from Lakeland Community College about using one of the gyms for the event.

Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum has an open house scheduled for April 18th. The Lionel layout has had its curves broadened so that the Big Boy locomotive now runs reliably. The S gaugers are making a lot of progress on their layout. They have added another dog bone track.

Mike Buehner had a copy of the NMRA New Member Pack CD for anyone that wants it.

Bring & Brag:

Ken Stroebel
Gary Shaffer

Dave Neff
Ted Nemeth

Mike Buehner
Don Bittner

Bill Smith
Bill Brodie

The program for the evening was a discussion on what it takes to earn various **NMRA Achievement Awards** and how to submit models for judging.

Submitted by **Matt Kross**, Division 5 Clerk ☘

Division 5 BOD Meeting Notes

April 20th, 2009

Present: Al Cap, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Don Bittner, Mike Buehner, Matt Kross, Lenny Kessler, Bruce Lutheran, Jim Wendorf, Bill Eville, Bill Brodie, and Harley Smith.

Al Cap reported that Div 5 member Jack Metcalf is still at Heather Hill for therapy for his broken hip.

The dates for **Railfest 2010** are not affected by the updated academic calendar published by Lakeland Community College.

The new **Railfest Committee** has not been formed yet. Jim Wendorf is talking to people to see if they would be interested.

There was discussion again about **Railfest table rates and door fees**. Jim Wendorf will review the costs of Railfest 2009 to see if we need to raise the table fees. We will probably keep the door fee the same.

A motion was passed to require that the **Railfest financial books** be audited within 3 months of the close of the Railfest show, whether or not all bills have been received. For 2009, that means the Railfest audit needs to take place by June 16th.

Division 4 is putting together a bus trip to Cass, WV on October 16-18, 2009. They are opening the trip up to Division 1 and Division 5 members. The trip will cost \$160 and includes the cost of the bus, train ticket, and some meals. The fee does not include the hotel and some of the meals. Information about the trip is available on the Div 4 website.

Division 3 has V&O HO gondola cars for sale.

The Division 5 financial books have been audited through March 2009. No problems were found. Dennis Lloyd is generating an official audit report. A preliminary copy was available for review at the BOD meeting.

It was recommended that whenever a new financial officer is taking office, whether as Division 5 Treasurer or Railfest Chairman, they should attend the final audit of the outgoing officer so that they get an understanding of the requirements of the office and what type of records the auditors expect to see.

Nothing new to report on the new **Division 5 apparel**. Mike Buehner is working on the order form.

Mike Buehner is coordinator for the 2011 convention layout tours. In preparation for the convention, we will be having several layout tours prior to the convention. The first set of tours will be this Fall. Mike has only gotten back two layout surveys so far. He needs members to get these filled out and submitted to him.

The Trainwire copying and postage continues to take a big bite out of the Division 5 budget. We need to get more members to accept the Trainwire electronically.

There was discussion about things we could do to celebrate the **Division's 50th anniversary in 2011**. Don Bittner and Harley Smith think the Division was officially formed in April 1961, but they will need to check that. We think we would like to have some big celebration banquet, but we aren't sure what time of the year would be best to have it. Our convention will be held at the end of April in 2011, so we probably want to hold our special event after that. There was some discussion about sponsoring some special award. We would also like to get pictures of members, layouts, and events throughout our 50 year history.

Matt Kross will finalize the Membership Guide and have it available for our May setup at Farmpark. We will have limited paper copies available for members. An electronic copy will be on the Division website for people to download.

Al Cap stated that he wants to hold a special HO Module meeting to show people that are interested in building a module what is involved and what the guidelines will be. We will probably do this during our module setup at Farmpark May 2-3, 2009. We have some old modules that are available for anyone interested in taking one over. In addition, anyone that wants to build a module completely on their own is now permitted to do so. Bill Eville will provide the module specifications.

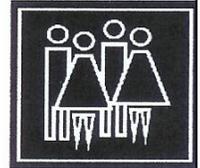
Next BOD meeting will be May 18, 2009 at Hambden Town Hall at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by **Matt Kross**, Div 5 Clerk ☘



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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.

Out of State Operating Sessions.

There will be two Operating sessions in the month of May. Both sessions will start at 1:00 pm promptly. The first one will be held by Dave Eggleston in Jamestown, New York on Saturday May 9th, 2009. The second operating session will be held by Lou Millard in Erie, Pennsylvania on Saturday May 30th, 2009. If you are interested in either or both of these sessions, please contact Dale Smith for exact locations, travel arrangements or any other questions you may have about the trips.

Cass, West Virginia.

Division 4 is planning a three day bus tour to Cass, West Virginia on Friday October 16th thru Sunday October 18th, 2009. In addition the fall colors, the tour will ride behind the Shay locomotives to Bald Knob, railway museum and other items of interest at Cass, West Virginia. The cost of the trip which includes the bus transportation, railcar, train ticket, box lunch and supper will be \$160. **Not included:** Room for two nights @ the Econo Lodge, Friday dinner, Sunday lunch and souvenirs. You can get more information by visiting Division four's website, or calling Tom Beutler at (419) 231-1038 with any questions you may have.

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

Getting Ready!



**2011 Mid Central Region Convention
April 28 – May 1, 2011**

“50 years of railroading in Northeast Ohio”

**Hosted by Division 5
In celebration of our 50th anniversary**

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May Division 5 Meeting

May 1st, 2009.

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

Location: **The Farm Park
(Route 6)
Kirtland, Ohio**

Program: **HO layout set up**

Bring & Brag Theme: **Patriotic**

*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!*

Division 5 Company Store Items

- O scale Sugar Houses @ \$36/each
- HO scale Sugar Houses @ \$24/each
- N scale Sugar Houses @ \$17/each
- HO scale Western Reserve RR Reefers @ \$12/each
N scale Western Reserve RR Reefers (two numbers) @ \$12/each or two for \$22
- Division 5 Pins @ \$2/each
- Division 5 "Pentagon" Patch @ \$2/each
Division 5 Hats @ \$10/each

June Trainwire**Deadline May 20th.**

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