



# The Trainwire.



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**I**n case the grapevine did not reach you, Jack Metcalf died Saturday, June 13th. He was a longtime member of the Division. When you went to Railfest, he was the one who had the coffee ready for you. He will be missed. Say a prayer for Claire and the kids. Interesting story on how he got his name. Seems he was named John Thomas, but when he was about 6 weeks old it was changed to Jack Logan. The family's horse was stolen by someone named John Thomas and they did not want to give him the same name him as a horse thief. It could only happen to Jack. Spent Saturday, June 20th at the Cleveland Metroparks Ohio & Erie Canal facility.

They were having their Train Days and I was asked to bring LEGO trains. Besides myself, Division 4 had some of their modules, Cuyahoga Valley S Scale, Burning River N Scale, and Northern Ohio Garden groups were there. Despite the morning's weather the place was packed with people all day. It's a nice place to watch trains from. There's a long trestle that is regularly crossed. They had hobo re-enactors talking about their way of life. I had not been there before and was amazed at the green space so close to downtown Cleveland. The Board is having continuing discussions on modules. This has been brought to the forefront because there is a strong possibility the Museum is moving



Al Cap – Superintendent  
 Division 5  
 NMRA – Mid Central Region

to a different location. Our modules are being stored there and we have to decide their disposition. Remember the NMRA National Convention is coming up in July. Anyone going, we would appreciate a review of it. I will be in NC on vacation.

### Businesses Accepting Division 5 Certificates

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



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|--------------------------------------|------------------|
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| Hobby Town USA                       | Mentor, Ohio     |
| Train Specialty Company              | Chardon, Ohio    |
| Village Train Shop                   | Perry, Ohio      |
| Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters             | Geneva, Ohio     |



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## UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

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

**July**                      **No Meeting this Month**

**August**

Location:            Hambden Town Hall

Program:            Open

Bring & Brag:    Water

**September**

Location:            Hambden Town Hall

Program:            **TBA**

Bring & Brag:    **TBA**

**The Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum**

7471 Tyler Blvd. Unit "L"

Mentor, Ohio 44060

**Summer Hours**

**Tuesday            5:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Wednesday       9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Thursday           5:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Friday               9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Saturday           10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Sunday              Noon - 5:00 PM**

**Monday              CLOSED**

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

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## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Reservations for Cass Trip                      July 1**  
\$100 Due for WV Trip

**Midwest Railway Preservation Society                      July 4**  
"Heritage Festival"  
Kent, Ohio

**NMRA National Convention                      July 5 - 11**  
Hartford, Ct.

**Midwest Railway Preservation Society                      July 11**  
2800 West 3rd Street                      Noon - 4pm  
Cleveland, Ohio

**Lake Shore Live Steamers                      July 12**  
Penitentiary Glen                      Noon - 4pm  
Kirtland, Ohio

**Division 5 BOD Meeting                      July 20**  
Hambden, Ohio @7:30 PM

**Lake Shore Live Steamers                      July 26**  
Penitentiary Glen                      Noon - 4pm  
Kirtland, Ohio

**Division 5 BOD Meeting                      August 17**  
Hambden, Ohio @7:30 PM

**"Last Stop Willoughby"                      August 22& 23**  
Downtown Willoughby

# Division 5 Meeting Minutes.

June 5, 2009

Superintendent Al Cap called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. Approximately 31 members and 3 guests were present.

Al Cap gave us an update on Div 5 member Jack Metcalf's health status and new nursing home location.

Some recent communications from other groups were reviewed. One item was about a prototype streetcar being auctioned off because the historical society could not generate enough interest or funds to restore it.

It was reported that the Railfest 2009 financial books had been reconciled and reviewed.

The Division 4 sponsored trip to Cass, WV was announced again. People interested were encouraged to check out Div 4's website for details. Trip dates are Oct 16 – 18.

The 2011 Convention Committee will meet at Harley Smith's house on June 6.

Mike Buehner indicated that he is having trouble getting people to respond to our layout survey and Fall Layout Tour event.

Dale Smith is exploring the possibility of a Division picnic at the home Dick Naramore in Jefferson, OH with an evening ride on the AC&J. This would probably be an August event.

We had five Division members go to the operating session on Lou Mallard's layout in Erie, PA on May 30. We had ten members go to the operating session on Dave Eggleston's layout in Jamestown, NY on May 9.

Treasurer Bonnie Lette read off the account balances for the various Division funds. All of our bills are paid and we are solvent.

Bruce Lutheran and Dale Smith reported on Promo Day 2009 planning. We had to drop the idea of using the Lakeland Community College gymnasium this year due to various issues. The location has been changed to the Mentor Headlands Senior Center. We will be cutting back from what we were planning to do. We will be presenting clinics instead of trying to build an actual layout. We will try again in 2010 to use Lakeland and do our proposed layout building demonstrations.

Gary Shaffer is looking at some possible bus trips for the Division. The members present were asked for ideas of places they would like to visit. The following are some of the ideas presented: Warthers Museum / Sugar Creek, Timonium Trainshow, Strasburg, Oil Creek & Titusville RR, East Broad Top RR, Steamtown, Harrisburg Tower, ride the Pittsburgh RTA.

Bill Eville reported that he is working on a new HO module frame design and looking at better ideas for locking modules together.

The Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum is now operating under its summer hours schedule.

The Mid Central Region is offering a new laser cut kit as a fund raiser for our region. It is a Crew Locker

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building based on a structure in Ashtabula, OH. It is available in O, S, HO, and N. Exact prices were not available at the meeting but it is believed that the HO building costs \$25 and the N version \$20. Information should be available on the MCR website.

Dale Smith mentioned that there will be a regional convention in Fort Wayne, Indiana this Fall that he is going to try and go to. Dale has gone to a convention there in the past and he said it was well done. This is part of the North Central Region, not our Mid Central Region. Dale has a CD available that describes the convention.

Bill Brodie indicated that we have two members that now qualify for the NMRA Association Volunteer AP certificate if they will just fill out the application.

### **Bring & Brag:** Theme was “Patriotic”

Ed Martin	Bill Berger	Bill Smith
Gary Shaffer	Dick Denner	Lawson Stevenson
Matt Kross	Bill Brodie	Ted Nemeth

The program for the evening was a video about the Freedom Train that was put together in 1975/1976.

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

## Division 5 BOD Meeting Notes

June 15, 2009

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

Reviewed upcoming events, Bring & Brag themes, and meeting programs. The Bring & Brag theme for August will be “Water”. Anything related to water with respect to model railroading can be brought in. This could be a scene with some type of water feature, an online water tower, water troughs between the rails for steam engines equipped with water scoops, residential or industrial water towers, boats, railroad car ferries, etc.

The 2011 Convention Committee is ready to sign a contract with The Lodge And Conference Center At Geneva to use as our convention facility. The Lodge has presented us with reasonable pricing and offers a very nice facility for our convention. The committee would like to do a number of things to really advertise and promote the convention. Motions were passed to provide the 2011 Convention Committee with the following cash advances from the Division: \$500 for the convention facility deposit, up to \$350 to purchase pens imprinted with the convention name, date, and location to use for advertising, and \$40 to register the website domain name [www.RailsOfAges.org](http://www.RailsOfAges.org) for two years.

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## Division 5 BOD Meeting Notes cont..... June 15, 2009

The BOD had a lengthy discussion regarding what to do with the HO modules. The Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum will be moving to a new location in the Fall and the museum needs to know if the Division wants to rent storage space for the HO modules at the museum as we have been doing. The BOD would prefer to have the HO modules on display when not being used for a specific, limited event such as Railfest or Farmpark setups. The museum did not provide any information about being able to set up the modules for display so Al Cap will contact them to see what their requirements would be. The BOD discussed other HO module storage alternatives such as PODS or SOS containers, purchasing a large trailer, or just having the module owners return to storing their own modules. The PODS option would require the container to be stored in Streetsboro, Ohio and the delivery/pickup fees would be in the \$150 range for an event. The SOS container storage is in Eastlake and so the delivery/pickup fee would be lower (\$20 plus a mileage fee). The SOS monthly rental fee is about the same as PODS. The SOS container is better suited for us to build custom racks in the container to hold the modules. In addition, we would have some access to the container at the storage facility. No definite pricing was available for the cost of a trailer big enough to suit our needs. It was estimated that the cost would be around \$5,000 for a 16 ft long trailer. Wayne Lette will get more detailed pricing. The BOD tabled the issue until we find out what the museum would charge to allow us to have the modules set up for display and also whether there is enough interest to continue supporting the modules.

Dale Smith reported on Promo Day 2009 planning. We have a signed contract with the Mentor Headlands Community Center to use their facility for the event on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The facility has a 38 ft x 44 ft hall with a 12 ft x 12 ft stage plus a dining area that we can use for refreshments.

The BOD decided that an actual audit of the Railfest 2009 books should be done instead of just a financial account reckoning and general review, especially since there has been a change in chairman. The Division auditors will be contacted.

Lenny Kessler will be the Assistant Railfest Chairman, assisting Jim Wendorf, the new Railfest Chairman.

After reviewing the costs of Railfest 2009 and projected cost increases for next year, Jim Wendorf recommended that we increase both the table fees and the gate fees starting next year. A motion was passed to increase the table fees by \$3 (8ft table will cost \$48 and a 6ft table will cost \$36). A motion was passed to raise all the current gate fees by \$2. Basic Adult admission will now be \$7. This is in line with other trainshows of comparable size.

A motion was passed to register the following website domain name [www.Railfest.org](http://www.Railfest.org) at a cost of \$20 a year. We will then set up a webpage dedicated to Division 5's Railfest.

Next **BOD** meeting will be July 20, 2009 at Hambden Town Hall at 7:30 pm.

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

# Condolences To The Jack Metcalf Family.



Jack and Claire Metcalf

**L**ongtime Division 5 member Jack Metcalf died on June 13, 2009. Jack was active with the HO modules and always took care of the coffee at Railfest. Jack's

wife Claire made many of the newer yellow vests that we use at Railfest. Since he put in a lot of volunteer hours at Lake Farmpark, Jack was taking care of keeping the model railroad displays located there in working order. As age and health issues slowed him down, he would still try to do what he could to help the Division and promote model railroading. He was a very helpful, friendly, and cheerful person. There were wonderful tributes to Jack made by his family members at his funeral. He will definitely be missed.

**J**ACK L. METCALF, age 78. Beloved husband, of 58 years, to Claire (nee Revus); dearest father of Timothy (wife, Sue), Jacalyn Demico (husband, George) and Jack (wife, Joyce); loving grandfather of Christopher, Nathan, Erin and Andrew; dear brother of Betty Daw. Jack was a 35-year member of Collinwood Masonic Lodge No. 582, where he was a 32nd Degree



Mason. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate contributions, in memory of Jack, to the Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 E. 185th St., Cleveland, OH 44119. Funeral Service were held Wednesday, June 17, 2009, at 5 p.m., at NICOLWELLS-KLOSS FUNERAL HOME in Lyndhurst where the family received friends FROM 3 P.M. UNTIL TIME OF SERVICE. Masonic Service was held at 7:30 p.m., conducted by Collinwood Masonic Lodge No. 582 F.&A.M. Interment Private, Lake View Cemetery. ❁

## Division 5 Convention News.

**2011 Mid Central Region Convention**

**April 28 – May 1, 2011**

**Golden Age Of Railroading**

*“50 years of railroading in Northeast Ohio”*

Hosted by Division 5 in celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**Convention Countdown:** 22 months until the convention!

It will be here before you know it!

**Naming Contest Winners**

We had eight naming contest entries from a total of five people. None of the convention name submissions ended up being chosen, but there was one that spurred our thinking that led to final convention name of “Rails Of Ages”, so we have awarded a partial prize for that. Here are the winners:



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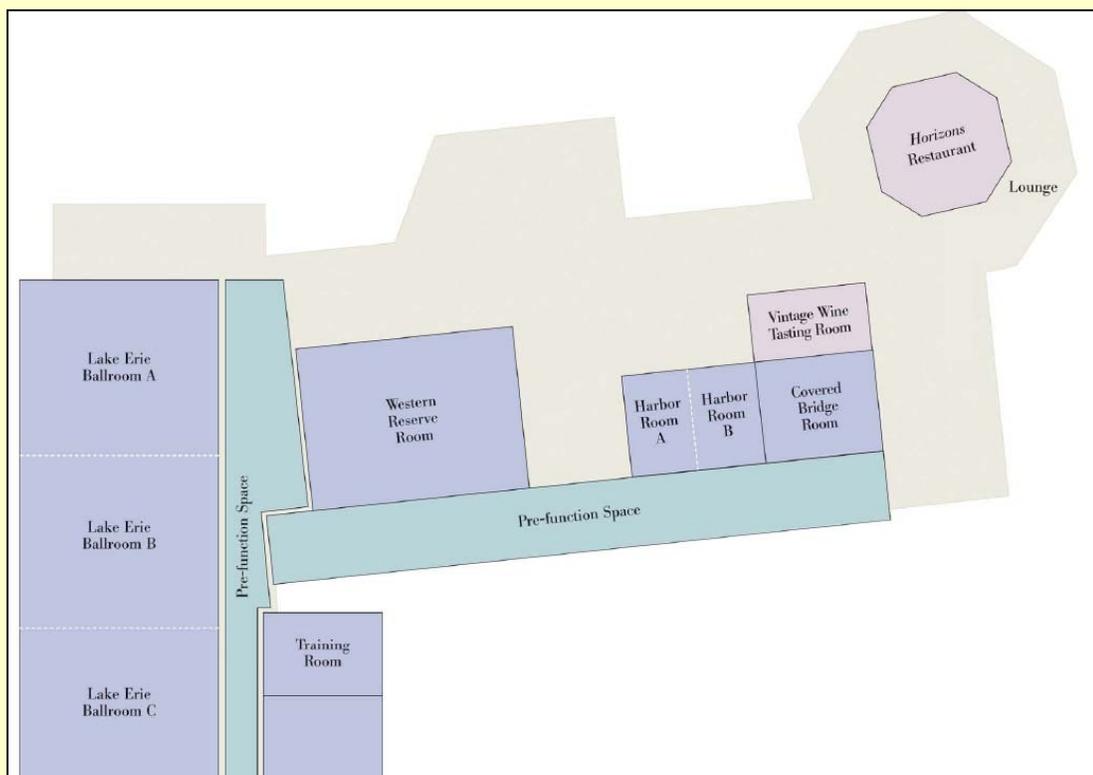
<b>Convention Name:</b>	Ken Stroebel	\$10 certificate
<b>Convention Logo:</b>	Mike Buehner	\$25 certificate
<b>Convention Theme:</b>	Mike Buehner	\$10 certificate
<b>Convention Slogan:</b>	Ken Stroebel	\$10 certificate

In addition, we are awarding \$5 certificates to the remaining people who submitted entries (Bonnie Lette, Bruce Lutheran, and Lou Dreher) since all the submissions provided inspiration in some way. Thank you for your submissions:

## Convention Facility

We have decided to hold our convention at The Lodge & Conference Center At Geneva-On-The-Lake, Ohio. The Lodge is a beautiful facility that was built in 2005. It is located on Rt. 534, north of Geneva, Ohio, on the shore of Lake Erie. It is a true conference center and so it has the meeting rooms we need to put on a convention. We will be able to have the convention banquet here. We have the space we need for three clinic rooms, contest room, silent auction room, company store and raffle room, and possibly some space for some small modular layouts. We will probably use a guest room suite just off the hotel lobby for our Hospitality Room. They have provided us very good pricing for the use of the facility which will help to keep the overall convention costs reasonable. For those staying at The Lodge for the convention, the room rate will be \$95/night plus tax. Stop out and have dinner there sometime and take a look at the facility. If you can't make it out there, you can visit their website at [www.TheLodgeAtGeneva.com](http://www.TheLodgeAtGeneva.com). The LENS group has set up an N-Trak layout there the last two years for Geneva's Winterfest and we have had a great time. The people have been very friendly and accommodating.

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## Help Needed!

We are still in need of Division 5 members to help us with the convention planning. The following jobs are still open:

**Raffle Coordinator**  
**Banquet Coordinator**  
**Silent Auction Coordinator**  
**Publicity & Promotion Coordinator**  
**Transportation Coordinator**

## *Ideas Needed!*

We need ideas from everyone for the following:

What things can we have at the convention (clinics, tours, displays, etc.) that will really entice NMRA members outside of our division to come to this convention? What would get YOU to go to a regional NMRA convention?

Since our theme is "50 years of railroading in Northeast Ohio" and we are celebrating the Division's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, what things can we do at the convention to support this? (Special contest? Special clinics? Displays?)

How can we get the word out about our convention and get people excited about it? We will have a website ([www.RailsOfAges.org](http://www.RailsOfAges.org)) that we can make use of and we will put things in the MCR Kingpin. We will have to look at what ads in Scale Rails cost to see if that is feasible. Some divisions create a DVD that they mail to area divisions to show what will be going on at their convention. We are getting 500 pens made that advertise the convention which we will hand out at other conventions and NMRA events.

## Convention Contacts

We have an e-mail set up that you can use to contact both of the convention co-chairmen: [convention@mcr5.org](mailto:convention@mcr5.org)

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- 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

# 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 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

**Team Track**

[www.MCR5.org](http://www.MCR5.org)

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**No Division 5 Meeting**

July, 2009.

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

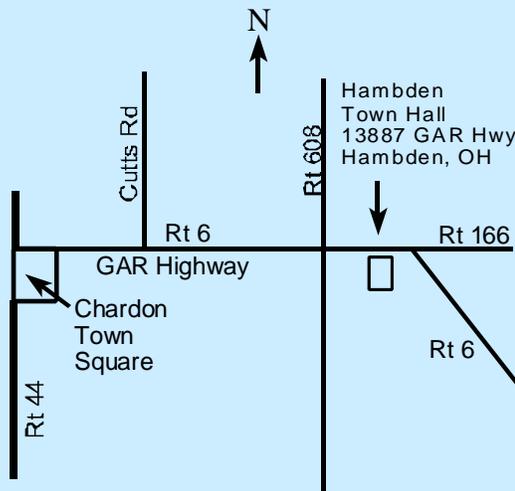
**Location: Hambden Town Hall  
13887 GAR Highway (Route 6)  
Chardon, Ohio**

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

**Program:** No Meeting.

**Bring & Brag:** No Meeting.

*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

**August Trainwire Deadline  
July 20th.**

# The Trainwire Newsletter

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