



The Trainwire.



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Superintendent's Message.

Just got back from vacation 2 days ago, so I'm doing this on the fly. Had a chance to visit the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spenser. It's a huge place and must have been bustling in it's heyday. To give you an idea it has a 37 stall roundhouse. I'll try to post some pictures in an upcoming issue. I'd like **ALL Division members** to attend the August meeting. I ask this because the topic of discussion will be **MODULES!** They will be the Program of the night.

The Board has talked about them extensively. We have discussed and explored various ideas. At the August meeting a **FINAL decision** will be made. They will either be liquidated in some manner or we will continue with them. The decision is **YOURS**. Please be there. In a manner of speaking I am going to drop the other shoe. I am moving to New Jersey. Not sure when, I hope to be here for the remainder of the year. As things progress I will keep you posted. See you at the meeting.



Al Cap – Superintendent
 Division 5
 NMRA – Mid Central Region

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



Please support these dealers!

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

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

August

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: Future of Division 5 Modules
 Bring & Brag: Water

September

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: TBA
 Bring & Brag: TBA

October

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

AC&J Train Trip Jefferson, Ohio Saturday afternoon @ 5:00 PM	August 8
Lakeshore Live Steamers Public Run, 8pm - 10pm Pennitentiary Glen, Kirtland, Oh	August 15
Lakeshore Live Steamers Public Run, 1pm - 3pm Pennitentiary Glen, Kirtland, Oh	August 16
Division 5 BOD Meeting Hambden, Ohio @7:30 PM	August 17
"Last Stop Willoughby" Downtown Willoughby	August 22 & 23
Lakeshore Live Steamers Public Run, 1pm - 3pm Pennitentiary Glen, Kirtland, Oh	August 30
Division 5 BOD Meeting Hambden, Ohio @7:30 PM	September 21
Division 4 Carnival Train Show Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds Berea, Ohio	October 3 & 4
Division 5 BOD Meeting Hambden, Ohio @7:30 PM	October 19

Division 5 BOD Minutes

July 20, 2009

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

Claire Metcalf has asked Don Bittner and Don Thomas to inventory Jack's railroad collection and determine prices. The list will be made available to Div 5 members first before selling the items at local train shows. The list should be available at the August Div 5 meeting. Claire donated several railroad motif sweatshirts that Jack made.

We will not have a **Division picnic** this year. We are looking at having a ride on the **AC&J Railroad** on Saturday, August 8, 2009 at 5:00 pm.

The contract for the hall has been signed for **Promo Day 2009**.

We are still waiting to sign the contract with the **Geneva Lodge for our 2011 convention**. There have been some issues with the wording of the contract that we are waiting for the Lodge to update before we will sign. We have had 500 pens made that advertise the convention. We will begin giving these out at NMRA functions within our region. The convention naming contest winners were published in the July Trainwire and the award certificates are being issued. The region would like us to start putting information about our convention in the MCR Kingpin. the website name, www.RailsOfAges.org, has been registered for the convention and we will start working on the website design.

There was more discussion about what to do with the **HO modules**. A number of suggestions were presented. No decision was made. We will hold one last discussion about the modules at the August meeting and make the final decision. The following are the **basic options**:

- Find a new place to store them and continue using as we have been doing
- Scrap them
- Return them to their owners
- Find a place to donate them to for a permanent setup
 - Build new, lighter weight modules

Options for the **module group**:

- Continue as is
- Disband – encourage those interested to form independent group
- Put module group on hold for several years until interest rekindles
- Start fresh with a small number of new modules and expand as interest grows
- Make the modules multi-scale such as having HO track in front and N in back.

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Division 5 BOD Meeting Notes cont..... July 20, 2009

Our current problems with the modules:

Very little member participation

Need new place to store them – current module members unable to take home

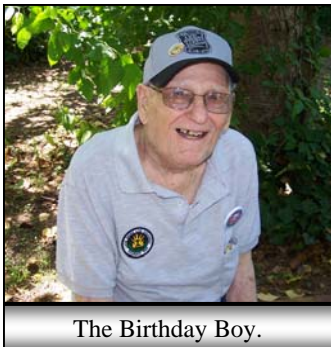
Modules are heavy and have a number of problems

The website www.Railfest.org has been registered. We are working on this webpage that is dedicated to Division 5's Railfest.

Next **BOD meeting** will be August 17, 2009 at Hambden Town Hall at 7:30 pm.

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

Clyde Bliel turns 100 years young.



The Birthday Boy.



On June 28th, 2009, a picture perfect day weather-wise, the family and friends of Clyde Bliel celebrated this gentle person's One Hundredth Birthday. I was very happy to be one of the hundreds of guests that would

visit Clyde on this day at his eight acre home in Mentor, Ohio on Jackson Street. Nestled in the shade of numerous large trees was his own private one-eighth scale railroad that he started constructing with his family and friends back in the mid 1970's. The

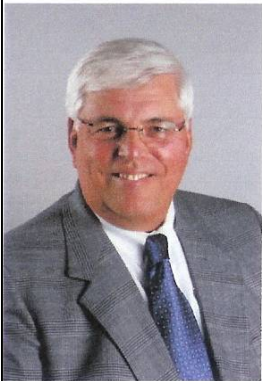
rails are seven and a half inches apart and travel between three quarters and a full mile throughout his property. The old horse stable was converted into the present railroad station where kids of all ages can begin their trip down the rails and

create their own memories. This viable citizen of the community was born in 1909 and is 100 years young at the present time. Happy Birthday Clyde, and many happy returns. Thanks for the memories. *-The Editor*



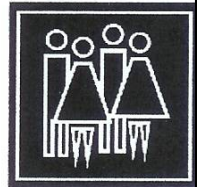
Division 5 Company Store Items

- 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



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To the Board and Membership of Division 5

With the Museum's impending move, The Division will need to make a decision on the status of the traveling modules. The following is a list of offers the Museum is willing to make to Division 5 for your ongoing storage and service of them along with any other materials the division wishes to store in this area.

Options of rental space;

- 1) 12' x 30' to include 1 overhead door to the loading dock completely separate from the Museum. This is 360 square feet. At \$6.00 per square foot and it would cost \$180.00 per month.
- 2) 24' x 20' to include 2 overhead doors to the loading dock completely separate from the Museum. This is 480 square feet. At \$6.00 per square foot and it would cost \$240.00 per month.
- 3) 24' x 30' to include 2 overhead doors to the loading dock completely separate from the Museum. This is 720 square feet. At \$6.00 per square foot and it would cost \$360.00 per month.

Any of the above offers includes all utilities, use of the **restrooms, conference room** and accessibility to the facility to conduct its monthly meetings. The Division would have the opportunity to set up the modules on the museum floor (provided space is available) for any period of time, provided that when they are set up, they **will** be staffed during all open hours of the museum, by Division members (separate from Museum staff).

The Division would have the availability to utilize the Museum's warehouse area, as long as the time is scheduled in advance, to set up sections of the modules for construction, service or repair out of the main traffic paths in the Museum.

The Museum's rules of conduct will be enforced on any and all participants in the Division's activities at the Museum.

The Division will need to sign a 5 year lease matching the Museum's lease due to the Museum's investment of construction costs to custom build an area separate from the Museum for the strict use of Division 5.

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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August Division 5 Meeting

August 7, 2009.

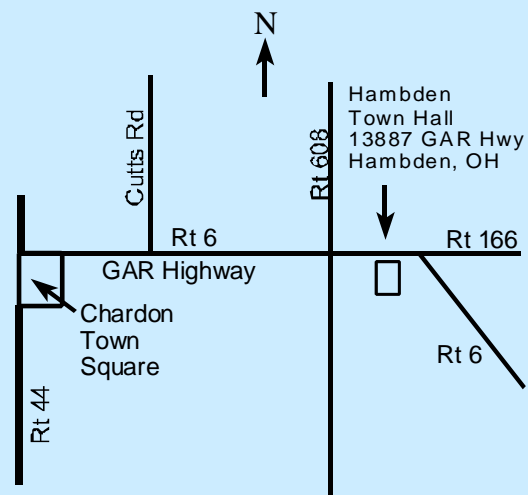
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Location: **Hambden Town Hall**
13887 GAR Highway (Route 6)
Chardon, Ohio

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

Program: Future of Division 5 Modules.**Bring & Brag:** Water.

*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

September Trainwire Deadline
August 20th.

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