



The Trainwire.



Superintendent's Message.

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The fate of the modules has been decided. After the show in Willoughby, the Division will not own any modules. The modules we currently own will be disposed of in some fashion. Some members stated they would like to continue a modular presence. They were encouraged to build their own, but the Division will not be responsible for them. It is a sad commentary. So many members said the modules were a great tool of the Division. At the same time so few members said they were willing to support it. Isn't it time we get out

of our overstuffed chairs and do something constructive. I am a lame duck Super. I don't have to worry about being politically correct. I can speak my mind, but so can you if you come to a meeting. We have a Bring and Brag theme called Billboards coming up. I will try to clarify what is meant by that. You could build a billboard. Billboard reefers also come to mind. It could be something promotional put on by a railroad, like Operation Lifesaver. Build something that has an advertising theme to it. There was an article in Cleveland's Plain Dealer on Wednesday the 19th about the



Al Cap – Superintendent
 Division 5
 NMRA – Mid Central Region

trolleys from the former Trolleyville USA. They are being auctioned. Another piece of our history gone.

Businesses Accepting Division 5 Certificates

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



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| Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys | Willoughby, Ohio |
| 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.

September

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: Railroad Video

Bring & Brag: Open

October

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: **TBA**

Bring & Brag: Flat cars with loads

November

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: **TBA**

Bring & Brag: Railroad Promotion

The Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum

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SCHEDULED EVENTS

Division 5 BOD Meeting **September 21**
Hambden, Ohio @7:30 PM

Division 4 Carnival Train Show **October 3 & 4**
Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
Berea, Ohio

MCR BOD Meeting **October 11**
Columbus, Ohio

Division 5 Convention Meeting **October 12**
Dale Smith's House

"Hobo Stew Dinner" **October 17**
Penitentiary Glen
Trains run from 11am-5pm
Dinner will be served @ 5pm

Division 5 BOD Meeting **October 19**
Hambden, Ohio @7:30 PM

Division 1 Swap Meet **November 1**
Akron, Ohio 11am-4pm

Promotional Day **November 7**
Mentor Headlands
10am to 3pm

2010

Division 5 Holiday Party **January 9**
Hambden Hall
Hambden, Ohio

Division 5 Minutes

August 7, 2009

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

We will have a table at the Division 4 show in October

The “**Heart Of Willoughby**” event is August 21-23. The Division will set up the HO modules in the basement of Willoughby City Hall.

The Mid Central Region newsletter, **The Kingpin**, is being switched to electronic format. The paper copy that was just recently mailed will be the last paper copy sent to all MCR members except for special mailings. Those wishing to still receive a paper copy of the Kingpin must fill out the request form in the latest Kingpin and mail it in.

Steve Kaplan presented his experiences in attending the 2009 NMRA national convention in Hartford, CT this year.

Mike Buehner gave a report on where things stand with setting up the ordering system for Division 5 apparel. The form has been roughed out but the BOD needs to decide on who will pay for the cost of adding the Division logo to the clothing and how sales tax will be handled.

The 2011 Division 5 convention hotel has been locked in to The Lodge & Conference Center At Geneva, in Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio. We had 500 pens imprinted with the convention name, date, and location. These will be handed out at NMRA events as a way to advertise and remind people about the convention. Now that we have the hotel, convention planning will move into full swing. We still need people to help on the convention committee with the various aspects of the convention. The next convention committee meeting will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at Dale Smith’s house. We still need people to sign up to have their layouts open for the convention. We will start having Division 5 layout tours this Fall to give members practice in having their layouts open.

Jack Metcalf’s HO model railroad collection has been pretty well sold. Only a couple of items remain.

It was reported that the **Middlefield Model Railroad Club** is shutting down. There are only a couple of members left and they cannot keep the club going. They are trying to sell off their N-scale equipment.

Several Division 5 members attended the special steam weekend in Michigan. They reported that there were good crowds at the events and displays. Everyone that went had a good time.

Bring & Brag:

Theme – Water

Ken Stroebel

Bill Berger

Matt Kross

Bill Smith

Ted Nemeth

Rich Kacprzak

Don Bittner

The program for the evening was an in-depth discussion of what the Division membership wants to do with the HO modules. The following is a summary of the various comments made.

Donate the current modules to a private club or group

It was asked who is interested in supporting the Division modules. Approximately 5 – 6 people expressed interest. They were essentially the same people that have been doing all the work with the modules. Some others indicated that they might be interested, but it would depend on what direction the Division went with the modules.

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Division 5 Minutes cont.....

August 7, 2009

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Bill Eville said his personal situation did not allow him to continue as module coordinator so, effective immediately, he was resigning as module coordinator.

Many felt we needed the modules as a promotional mechanism for the Division.

Steve Kaplan of Division 4 talked about the module situation in Division 4. Div 4 had gotten rid of their modules. They brought them back as a way to maintain contact with the public and promote the Division. The modules are owned by the participants. Div 4 makes sure the corners are at a show but it is up to the individuals to bring the straight modules.

LENS members present talked about how they run their group and do the N-Trak setups. They do not have a designated coordinator. A member takes setup responsibility for a particular event. Each person owns their own modules, though there are a couple of club built modules. The N-Trak module standard is followed and has been very effective. One member owns a trailer that the club equipment is stored in.

A vote was taken whether members thought Division 5 should continue to have a set of modules to display. The answer was yes.

A vote was taken whether the modules should be privately owned. The answer was yes.

A motion was made that the module coordinator should be a BOD member. The motion failed.

Don't make it a **module owner only group**. Make sure Division 5 members know that the module group is meant for all Division 5 members to participate in, whether they have a module or not.

It was noted by the past module coordinator that the current HO modules are completely owned by the Division. All the people that had constructed modules and/or were responsible for a module, or multiple modules, had been asked if they were willing to donate everything on the module to the Division and they said yes. The Division can dispose of the current modules as they want.

There were still some **open questions** at the end of the discussion.

What do we do with the modules after the Willoughby setup?

How many and which modules do we keep?

Where and how will we store the modules?

Do we proceed with building new modules?

What standard do we use for new modules?

The Division 5 BOD will attempt to address these remaining issues in their future meetings.

The AC&J Turns Twenty-Five.

Article & Photo by: Ken Stroebel



Sporting its new yellow coat of paint, Alco S1 engine 7371, ex-US Army 7371, pulls for the AC&J Scenic during August, 2009.

The Ashtabula, Carson & Jefferson Railroad is celebrating its 25th birthday this year, with the weekend of July 11-12, 2009 being the largest public display. The weekend saw passenger excursions being run with the steam powered Baldwin 0-4-0 Viscose Company No. 6, and static display's of the AC&J's various equipment. The 0-4-0 is owned by Scott Symans of

Dunkirk, New York, and was making its second appearance on the AC&J, having run some excursion trains during the 2008 season. The 25th year celebration continues through the summer and fall months with other special events, such as the kids magic train weekend, wild west weekend, pumpkin train, bandit train and ever popular Santa train.

The newest power to the line is the 7371, which is an ex-US Army Alco S-1 (S/N 69464, which sat in storage on the NICR in New Castle, Pennsylvania after being acquired by the Western Pennsylvania Railroad Historical Society back in the late 90's. The AC&J acquired the engine in 2007 and until recently, it remained in its original black paint scheme. It currently sports a yellow

coat, with the Ohio state outline in black on the cab sides. While the technically the oldest Alco in the AC&J (mfg. 1940), the unit saw previous service at the Army's Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland before coming to the WPRHS.

Thank You AC&J!

A big THANK YOU to Bob Callahan and the AC&J Railroad for being wonderful hosts and providing the **Division** with a very nice excursion on August 8th.

Division 5 BOD Minutes

August 17, 2009

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on August 17, 2009 at 7:30 pm at the Hambden Township Hall. The following people were in attendance: Al Cap, Dale Smith, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Lenny Kessler, Don Bittner, Jim Wendorf, Mike Buehner, and Matt Kross.

A representative from the 2010 MCR convention in Charleston, WV will attend the Div 5 Holiday Party on Saturday, January 9, 2010 to do a presentation on their convention. The BOD passed a motion to provide him with \$50 towards his travel expenses.

The Division 5 Holiday Party will be on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at 1:00 pm. It will probably be at the Hambden Town Hall, but that is not definite until we check if the hall is available.

Lake Farmpark has offered a place to store the Division HO modules in one of their storage buildings. Al Cap and Dale Smith will check out the location to see if this will work. If the Farmpark location does not work out, Dale Smith will allow us to store the modules in one of his outbuildings temporarily until a suitable permanent storage location can be obtained. The modules have to be out of the Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum by September 1. We will probably move everything during our module setup in Willoughby the weekend of August 21 – 23.

We will be going through all the HO modules and deciding which ones we want to keep and which ones we are going to scrap. The modules to be scrapped will first have anything worth salvaging removed, then the remainder of the module will be put in the dumpster.

We received a request from the MCR president to provide a list of all Division officers and trustees and to verify that they are all current NMRA members. To meet the NMRA insurance requirements, all officers and directors must be NMRA members. Clerk Matt Kross will send this information to the region.

The AC&J excursion went very well. We had 25 to 30 people participate. A big thank you to Bob Callahan and the AC&J for their hospitality.

Upcoming meeting programs and Bring & Brag Themes:

Month	Program	Bring & Brag Theme
September:	Modeling Video	No Theme – open to anything
October:	(TBA)	Flatcars with loads
November:	(TBA)	Railroad Promotion (model or proto)
December:	(TBA)	Snow

The Division federal income tax form has been filed. Even though we are a Federal 501(c)3 Non-Profit Educational Organization, we still have to file an income tax return which is fairly involved to fill out. Treasurer Bonnie Lette was able to get the tax return put together after about 10 hours of work. In the future, we may want to consider hiring a tax accountant to do this.

The October Trainwire will need to be published a week early due to the editor's travel plans. The publishing of the September BOD minutes will be delayed until the November Trainwire.

Mike Buehner presented the order form for the Division 5 apparel. The hats will be nearly identical to the ones we have had. There will be a number of different shirt styles offered. A sweatshirt will also be available. We will try to get some samples of the shirt styles to have on display at future Div 5 meetings. It was decided that the Division will subsidize \$7 of the \$12.50 cost to add the Division logo to each item. The price that will be listed on the shirt/hat order form will be the total price that the Div 5 member will pay.

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Division 5 BOD Meeting Notes cont.....

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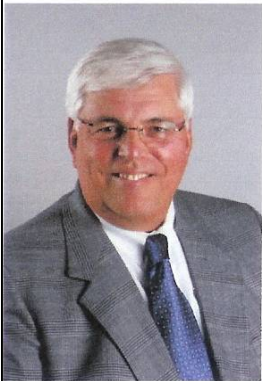
Lakeland Community College presented an opportunity to hold another trainshow during the December class break. It was decided that we did not want to pursue this.

Division 1 is holding a swap meet on Sunday, November 1, 2009. Div 5 members are invited to participate. More details will be published in the Trainwire as they become available.

We have two tables at Division 4's show on October 3 – 4. We will use these to promote Railfest, Promo Day, and Division 5 in general. We will have our company store items there for sale.

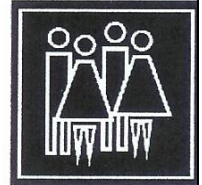
We need to get an updated inventory of our Company Store items. Since we have a lot of Division 5 pins available, we will provide one to each 2011 convention registrant. Also, the Division will donate one of each Company Store item still remaining at the time of our 2011 convention to the convention raffle/door prize collection. We will also continue using the remaining HO Western Reserve RR reefers for the Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge workshops until the cars are gone.

Next meeting: Monday, September 21, 2009, 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall.



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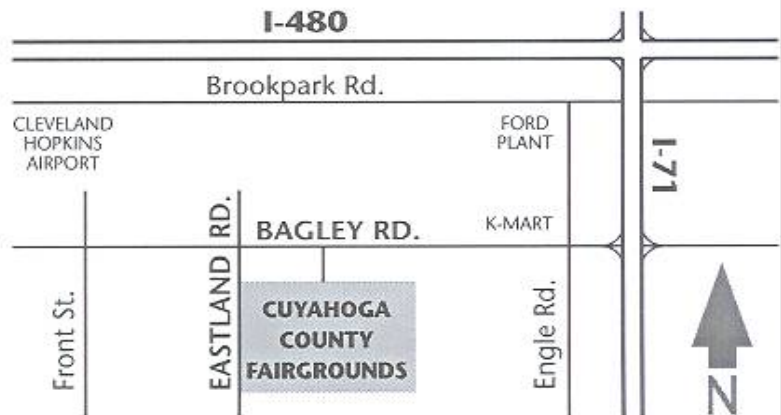
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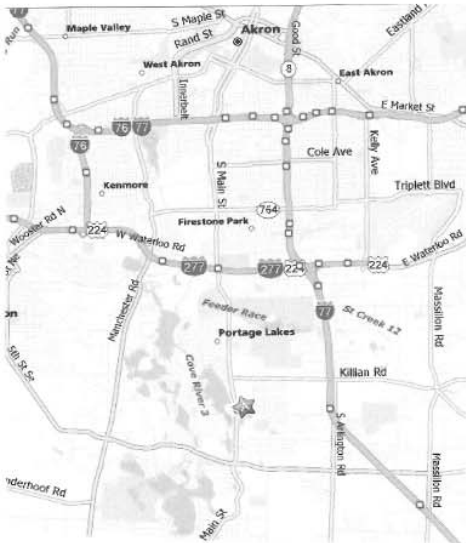


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A donation of \$2 per attendee is requested.

A concession area will be available.

Tables (@6 feet) are \$10 each.

Contact: Bob Ashley, Jr.
 3656 Shikellamy Dr.
 Akron, OH 44319-3742

330-645-6175 evenings

tubtoy3656@aol.com

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

Number of tables: _____ x \$10 = _____

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Riding the Rails in Jefferson.

Article & Photos by: Bonnie Lette

The Afternoon of Saturday August 8th was light rain and drizzle. We sat in our vehicle in the parking lot of the AC&J, and waited our turn to take a ride on the train. Around 4:30 the last regular excursion arrived back at the station. While we waited in our vehicle, we watched them unhook the locomotive from the cars to do a run around, to hookup for our trip. After the arriving riders disembark from



Bob Callahan - Owner

the train and began leaving the parking lot, several members of Division 5 and their guests started to arrive. There were members as far away as Bainbridge and as close as Jefferson. Age range was from 22 months to, well we won't tell on anyone (over 70). It was fun to see the little ones enjoying themselves and the faces that were made when the whistle would blow for the road crossings. The count of attendees was about



Bob-Inspecting track.



Just past Us



Bob - reconnecting loco

28, according to our coordinator, Dale Smith. There was a lot of socializing that went on in the two cars that we occupied, neither car was full. We finally went North under Route 11 and into Carson Yard where

the locomotive did a run around to pull us back to the station. Our Conductor and Host Bob Callahan instructed the Engineer and reconnected the cars for the trip back to the station. When we arrived

at the station, most were disappointed that we had to get off the train. By this time the rain had stopped and the evening continued for some, at a local restaurant and some went on their way to their

next destination. I would like to extend my many thanks to Bob for inviting, showing, and giving us an enjoyable ride on his model layout. I know I enjoyed the layout tour.



Our Leader



Rail Car



Time to Run Around

Division 5 Convention Update

Now that we have signed the contract with the Geneva Lodge, things are moving into full swing with our convention planning and we will be needing more help. Our next convention committee meeting will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2009,

1:00 pm at Dale Smith's house (13608 GAR Highway (Rt. 6), Chardon, OH 44024). If you are interested in helping with the convention planning, please come to the meeting or let Matt Kross or Dale Smith know. In the next month or two we will be finalizing the convention regis-

tration pricing and creating the early registration form. We are defining the overall convention schedule and events. We are beginning to rough out the various publications and how we will run the various events.



Months Until Convention:	18
Months Until Div 5 Members Can Register:	2
Months Until Open Early Registration Begins:	5
Months Until You Can Reserve Convention Hotel Rooms:	0 – you can do it now!

What Do We Need Right Now?

Coordinators for the following:

Contest	Banquet	Raffle / Door Prizes	Silent Auction
Transportation	Award Plaques	Publicity	Photography

More layouts for the convention layout tours,
 Ideas for ways to dress up convention logo or possible variations.
 Ways to get NMRA members to come to our convention.

Convention Contact Information:

Website: www.RailsOfAges.org

<p>E-mail:</p> <p>convention@mcr5.org</p> <p>matt.kross@mcr5.org</p> <p>dale.smith@mcr5.org</p>	<p>E-mails sent to this address go to Dale and Matt</p> <p>Matt Kross e-mail</p> <p>Dale Smith e-mail</p>	<p>Mail:</p> <p>2011 MCR Convention – Rails Of Ages</p> <p>c/o Matt Kross</p> <p>12049 Sperry Road</p> <p>Chesterland, OH 44026-2244</p>
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Phone:

Dale Smith home: 440-286-4932	Matt Kross home: 440-729-3045
	cell: 440-668-9462



**Sat & Sun March 20th & 21st
10am to 4 pm**

Lakeland Community College
Kirtland, Ohio

State Rt. 306 at Interstate 90 - Exit 193
(N.E. Ohio)

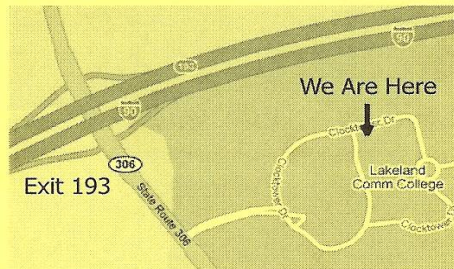
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August Division 5 Meeting

August 7, 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: Railroad Video.**Bring & Brag:** Open.**Division 5 Roster**

An updated Division 5 roster will be mailed or e-mailed to all Division 5 members in November. This will only go to Division 5 members. If you have changes to your address, phone number, or e-mail, please notify Matt Kross of your updates before October 30, 2009. Send your updates to:

Matt Kross – Div 5 Membership Chair

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Cell Phone: 440-668-9462

E-mail: membership@mcr5.org

NOTE: If you do not want your address, phone number, and/or e-mail address listed on the roster that is sent out, please notify Matt Kross by October 30, 2009. Those members who have in the past indicated that they do not want information listed do not need to contact Matt.

September Trainwire Deadline
August 20th.

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