



The Trainwire.



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Division 5 says "Good-bye"

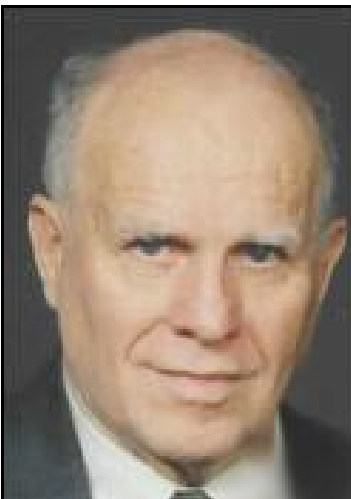
In case you did not see the Obituary in the Monday December 28th 2009 issue of the Star Beacon, I printed it in it's entirety.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

Lawson Warren Stevenson, model railroader, musician, Scout leader and World War II Veteran, died at 8:30 p.m., Thursday, December 10, 2009, at his home on Garrison Road, on the same property that he had been born 86 years ago. A retired rural mail carrier, Lawson had been ill for several years with cancer. Recently Mr. Stevenson had donated his extensive model railroad, representing 30 years of work, to the Ash-

tabula Marine Museum. A room in the soon-to-be-built new addition to the museum, will be dedicated to Lawson's memory, and will showcase his model of the A and B Docks, hulets, railroads and businesses at the Harbor in the early 1900's. A saxophone player, he played with area dance bands from the 1940's until recently. He had his own band, playing for area clubs and activities, and lastly had played with the Western Reserve Big Band in Mentor. A Boy Scout himself in the 1930's, Lawson became Scoutmaster of Troop 12 of

First Presbyterian Church, and had earned the Silver Beaver award for Scoutmasters and Scout leaders. He served Scouting in many capacities for more than 30 years. Lawson was graduated from Ashtabula High School in 1941. He attended Ohio State University until drafted in the Army in 1943. He was in the ASTP program, attending college at Washington State College in Pullman, Washington. He served with the 11th Armored Engineers under General George S. Patton's Third Army through the Battle of the Bulge and was in



Lawson W. Stevenson
1923 - 2009

Austria when the war ended. He also attended Kent State University Ashtabula Campus. Lawson and Eleanor Ann Kaihlanen were married on September 25, 1944, at the Little Church Around the Corner in New York City, as he was on his way overseas. They have lived in Ashtabula ever since. They joined First Presbyterian Church in 1957, and he served in many capacities, including Elder, Deacon and Trustee. The Stevensons have three children: Douglas (Cynthia) Stevenson of Still-

water, Oklahoma, Lorraine (William) Hampton of Jackson, Michigan and Bradley (Karen) Stevenson of Ashtabula. Besides his wife and children, Lawson is survived by six grandchildren, Jan and Beth Stevenson of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Robert and Tyler Hampton of Jackson and Detroit, Michigan, respectively, and Eric and Todd Stevenson of Ashtabula. Also surviving are a brother-in-law, Robert Hoffman of Hollis, Maine; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in

death by his parents, William and Helen (Warren) Stevenson; two sisters, Grace Reed and Doris Hoffman; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and nephews. A Memorial Service will be held 11 a.m., Dec. 29th, at the First Presbyterian Church, 4317 Park Ave., Ashtabula, with the Reverend Dr. Stephen R. Long, Pastor and Lawson's grandson, Robert Hampton, officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery at a later date.

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

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

January

No meeting - Holiday Party

February

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: **TBA**

Bring & Brag: "I got it @ a flea market - this is what I did with it"

March

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: **TBA**

Bring & Brag: "Structures"

The Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum

7230 Justin Way

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 Tom @ 440-251-0350 for more information.

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SCHEDULED EVENTS

2010

Division 5 Holiday Party	January 9
Hambden Hall Hambden, Ohio	
Division 5 BOD Meeting	January 18
Hambden Hall Hambden, Ohio	
Winterfest	February 6
Geneva, Ohio	
LENS Modules	February 6 & 7
Geneva State Lodge Geneva, Ohio	
Division 5 BOD Meeting	February 15
Hambden Hall Hambden, Ohio	
Railfest	March 20 & 21
Lakeland College Kirtland, Ohio	
2010 MRC Convention	May 13-16
Embassy Suites Charleston, West Virginia	

Division 5 Minutes

December 4, 2009 7:30 pm

Superintendent Al Cap called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm at Hambden Town Hall. Approximately 21 members and 3 guests were present.

It was noted that there is a **new hobby shop** in Akron called "Hill Top Hobby Shop".

The remaining **Division HO modules** were set up successfully at Lake Farmpark for the Country Lights program.

It was noted that the 2010 **Division 5 budget** has been finalized by the BOD.

Division 5 Holiday Party is all set for Saturday, January 9, 2010 at 1:00 pm at Hambden Town Hall. Reservations are needed by January 2 so that we can give the caterer a count for the food.

There will be a **Division 5 meeting** on Friday, April 2, 2010. This date is Good Friday, but the members present at the meeting did not think that should be an issue with attendance.

It was noted that we will have a **second Chinese gift exchange** at the Holiday party that is for Non-Rail items in order to get the spouses involved. This is new this year. Gifts have the same \$15 price limit and should be non-train related.

Treasurer Bonnie Lette provided a financial report which included the balances in our various accounts. The Division is solvent and is able to pay our bills.

2011 Convention Update: A Division 5 "Volunteer" registration form is now available. Members may register for the 2011 convention at a reduced rate if they commit to providing at least 8 hours of work during the convention. Paper copies of the Volunteer registration will be available at Div 5 meetings and an electronic copy is available at the Div 5 web site. A convention committee meeting will be held December 5. The committee is still looking for ideas from Div 5 members on things we can do to attract NMRA members to our convention.

We are working on modifying the way the **Division shirts/hats** are ordered. In the future, members will be able to order directly from the company providing the Div 5 apparel through a website.

The Promo Day 2010 flyer has been finalized and is ready to be copied.

There were comments about the write-up in the Ashtabula newspaper about **Lawson Stevenson** donating his layout to the Maritime Museum. Those involved with Lawson's layout are not sure how much can be successfully moved.

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Division 5 Minutes cont.....

December 4, 2009

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The Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum has finished its move to its new location. There is a lot of work to be done to get the layouts running again. Several of the layouts do have trains running. The HO layout will be expanded to 24 ft by 54 ft. The Lionel layout will also be expanded.

Bring & Brag: Theme was "Snow" – Ted Wiese, Bill Osborne, Matt Kross

Program: Bill Osborne showed video he had taken of area rail operations.

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

Division 5 BOD Minutes

December 21, 2009 7:30 pm

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on December 21, 2009 at Lake Farmpark. Those in attendance were: Al Cap, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Don Bittner, Lenny Kessler, Matt Kross, and Jim Wendorf.

A motion was passed to change the **Holiday Party Loser's Raffle prizes** to the following Div 5 Award Certificate quantities and amounts: 1-\$100, 1-\$75, 1-\$60, 1-\$50, 1-\$40, 2-\$30, 11-\$25, and 1-\$20. A member may now win up to two times. This change keeps the overall prize total the same, but increases the number of prizes from 15 to 19.

There was an **issue raised by the Mid Central Region** about having members with "Family Member" NMRA status holding elected office. The Div 5 BOD examined the Div 5, MCR, and national regulations and did not find anything that said this not allowed. The Div 5 regulations specify that any member may hold office and doesn't set any restrictions based on category of membership. Al Cap will discuss with the MCR officials to determine if there is still an issue.

The 2010 **Division 5 budget** is available for any member that would like to see it.

There has been some interest expressed by a small group of Div 5 members to restart the **HO module group** under the new guidelines. The main change will be that the members will own their modules and be responsible for storing and transporting them.

Pricing was set for the **Digitrax equipment** the Division is trying to sell. The UP-5 price is \$12/each and the AR-1 price is \$21/each. It will be first come, first served. Those that put their name on the listed of those interested at the December meeting will have first choice.

Railfest 2010 is proceeding well. We have 120 tables sold so far.

We need to form the **Division 5 Nominating Committee** for the Division 5 elections this spring. Al Cap to contact people to see if they are interested.

Bring & Brag themes for 2010:

- Jan** – no meeting
- Feb** – I bought it at a fleamarket, this is what I did with it
- Mar** – Structures
- Apr** – Maintenance Of Way
- May** – Covered Hoppers / Grain Hauling
- Jun** – Cabooses
- Jul** – no meeting
- Aug** – Flat cars / unique loads
- Sep** – Tank cars
- Oct** – Coil cars
- Nov** – Passenger cars
- Dec** – Automobile carriers

We need to update our **Division 5 business cards** and get cards printed.

Erie Railroad Museum.

By: Bruce Lutheran

The Lake Shore Railway museum, located in Erie Pennsylvania, was the site of a recent road trip. The museum is located on the north east side of Erie, at 31 Wall St., North East Pa. The

day of my visit, they were closed, so call first at 814-725-1911 to see if they are open. Even thou The Museum was closed that day, they have a wealth of railroad history sitting all-around it on its property. As you enter the parking

lot, you are greeted by a railroad shanty and a set of crossbucks. (see below) Just to the right is an old New York Central Diesel locomotive. It is a little rough in condition, but the detail was fun to look at. Adjacent to the NYC was a set

of passenger cars, both "heavyweights and an old wood unit also. The windows were covered up, but the rigging and truck detail was still there. I took the shots below to show these.



Sitting at the end of this line, were a couple of "speeders". They were both in very good shape. Across from the speeders was an old freight station. It is in very

rough condition, but still erect and a very good example of detailing info. Across the tracks from the freight station was an old business that had

been around for awhile. I took a couple of shots of both the building, (great weathering detail) and a close-up of one of the unloading docks. On the

other side of the freight station was a set of tracks, still in use by the railroad. I caught a CSX trailer-train just as it sped by.

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Erie Railroad Museum cont....

By: Bruce Lutheran



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Working my way back toward the museum, there was a small siding track that had an 0-6-0 switcher from the electric company on it, an open cab switcher and another small switcher engine. The next siding had

another set of passenger cars on it. The first 2 were similar to the ones on the other side, but, the last one was a Great Northern Empire Builder from Lake Wenachee. You can't miss that paint scheme! It looked like it was setup for tours when the museum is open, as it had a set of steps going up to the one end. Although the window was

very much scratched out, I was able to get a shot of the interior, which was in blue and had a GN logo sign in it. I peered into the windows of the museum station and it had a considerable collection of railroad memorabilia, from what I could see.



Just east of the museum station, was something I had never seen before. The next two shots (on the right) show it.



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Erie Railroad Museum cont....

By: Bruce Lutheran

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On the other side, was a set of cabooses and a heavy-duty flat

car. Although they were in rough shape, they showed excellent detail of real car usage.



A 25-ton switcher was set up also, as well as a suto GG1. When I first saw it, I thought I was looking at an old F7, until you see the whole thing with 2 F7 front ends on it. The electric cantilever gives it away, as well as the bright orange paintjob.

So the next time you have a couple of hours and you want to take a short drive, head up the other side of Erie, Pa. and enjoy a trip back into time, the time of railroading and its heyday!





**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)

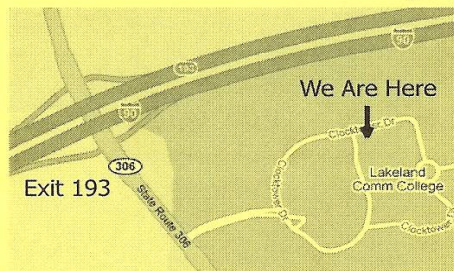
Largest
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For Information:

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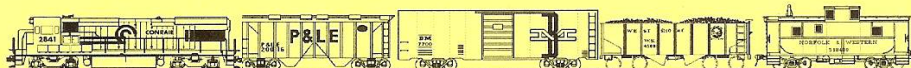
Operating Layouts:

- N Scale Layouts
(Regional N-Trak)
- HO Scale Layout
(NMRA)
- S Scale & American Flyer
(Cuyahoga Valley S Gaugers)
- Lionel O Gauge
- LGB G Gauge
- Live Steam Display
(Lake Shore Live Steamers)

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Division 5 Elections For Term 2010 – 2012

We need people to volunteer to be on the Division 5 2010 Nominating Committee. We normally try to get one person from each of the three counties that the Division covers: Ashtabula, Lake, and Geauga. Contact Al Cap if you are willing to help out.

Nominations for Division 5 offices may be made by a petition signed by two members and the nominee and submitted to the Nominating Committee. The signatures must be legible and the member's NMRA membership number and their membership expiration date must appear with the signature. The petition shall state for what office the candidate is seeking nomination. No candidate can be nomi-

nated for more than one office in an election.

If there is anyone you would like to nominate for one of the Division 5 elected positions, please contact one of the nominating committee members once the committee is formed or Al Cap until then.

Per our new Division 5 Regulations that we adopted, the Division 5 elected positions are:

- Superintendent
- Assistant Superintendent
- Treasurer

These positions are for a two year term running from June 1, 2010 to June 1, 2012.

The nominating committee is responsible for putting together a slate of candidates for the three Division 5 offices. The Nominating Committee will present its list of nominees at the February 5th, 2010 Division 5 meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted during the February meeting. Nominations from the floor must have at least a motion and be seconded as well as have the nominee's permission. Nominees cannot nominate themselves.

By mid-February, candidates should submit a short biographical write-up about themselves to the Trainwire editor and explain why they would like to hold the office they are

running for. The write-ups will be in the March Trainwire.

Mail-in ballots will be sent to all Division 5 members by normal US Mail at the end of February. The ballots will be due by the April 2nd, 2010 Division 5 meeting. Results will be announced in the May Trainwire.

Division 5 Officer Duties

(as described in the Division 5 Regulations)

The duties of the Superintendent are:

Preside at all Division 5, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee meetings.

Serve or appoint a proxy as the

Division representative on the Region Board of Directors.

Assign the Assistant Superintendent suitable duties and keep him/her informed of Division 5 business.

Appoint chairpersons of committees required to accomplish the stated purposes of the Division.

Cooperate with other Divisions in every way possible.

The duties of the Assistant Superintendent are:

Assist the Superintendent in any way possible.

Assume the functions of the office of Superintendent during

the absence of the Superintendent.

The duties of the Treasurer are:

Pay expenses incurred by the Division as authorized by the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent.

Keep records of all receipts and disbursements.

Pay approved bills as they are due.

Deposit all Division 5 funds in an insured financial institution approved by the Directors.

Render a full financial report at each meeting.

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!

Team Trackwww.MCR5.org**Division 5 Officers**

(Terms expire June 2010)

Superintendent	Al Cap	440-729-1458	Super@MCR5.org
Asst. Superintendent	Dale Smith	440-286-4932	AstSuper@MCR5.org
Treasurer	Bonnie Lette	440-298-3075	Treasurer@MCR5.org

Division 5 Trustees: (Terms expire June 2010)

Mike Buehner	440-428-0137	Bruce Lutheran	440-257-2105
Wayne Lette	440-298-3075	Don Bittner	440-257-7555

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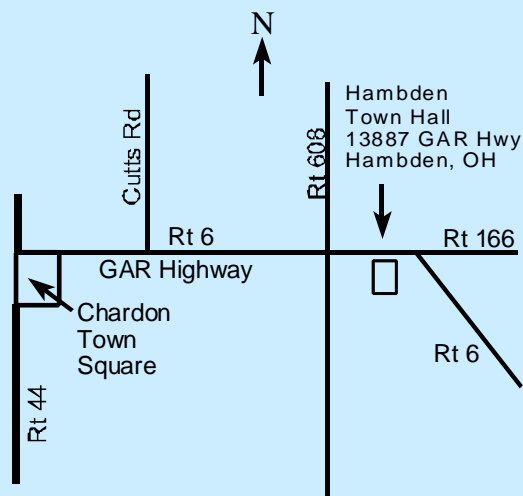
January Division 5 Meeting

No meeting - Holiday Party January 9th, 2010

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: Holiday Party

Map to Hambden Town Hall

February Trainwire Deadline
January 20th.

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