



# The Trainwire.



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## Superintendent's Message.

I trust everyone had a good time at the 'Holiday Party'. The weather cooperated and although it was cold, it was sunny. Our guests from Division 9 said thanks for the hospitality. "Jerry and I really had a great time yesterday. Good meal, fine people, beautiful scenery, a couple of great model railroads. I knew it would be "an adventure to remember." Any feedback on the party? We held it during the afternoon because we are getting older and some of us don't like to drive at night anymore. Weather is always going to be an issue, given the season we have the party. Turnout seemed a little light and I'm

curious if I'm right. A reminder, we have elections coming up. We need candidates for all offices. I'll be in New Jersey by then probably, so I won't be running for Super. Time for some members to step forward and take charge. Your chance to make the Division what you think it should be to the membership. We have the 75th anniversary of the NMRA coming up. Any ideas on how to celebrate? Do we want to do something in conjunction with the convention? As an aside to the Milwaukee convention, I am told they have 163 different clinics lined up and 123 of those are new. 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

Willoughby, OH

Mentor, OH

Chardon, OH

Perry, OH



*Please support these dealers!*

## UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

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

### 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"

### April

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: TBA

Bring & Brag: "Maintenance of Way"

**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

<b>Winterfest</b>	<b>February 6</b>
Geneva, Ohio	
<b>LENS Modules</b>	<b>February 6 &amp; 7</b>
Geneva State Lodge	
Geneva, Ohio	
<b>Division 5 BOD Meeting</b>	<b>February 15</b>
Hambden Hall	
Hambden, Ohio	
<b>WRMRRM OPEN HOUSE</b>	<b>FEB. 20 &amp; 21</b>
7230 Justin Way	
Mentor, Ohio	
<b>Division 5 BOD Meeting</b>	<b>March 15</b>
Hambden Hall	
Hambden, Ohio	
<b>Railfest</b>	<b>March 20 &amp; 21</b>
Lakeland College	
Kirtland, Ohio	
<b>Railroads in the Park</b>	<b>May 1 &amp; 2</b>
FarmPark	
Kirtland, Ohio	
<b>2010 MRC Convention</b>	<b>May 13-16</b>
Embassy Suites	
Charleston, West Virginia	

# January Holiday Party Photos by Ken Stroebel



## Winners of the Losers Raffle.

\$100 Rich Kacprzak

\$ 75 Jim Davidson, Jr

\$ 60 Doug Riedel

\$ 50 Ron Sieloff

\$ 40 Mike Harkleroad

\$ 30 Dave Barnes

\$ 30 Bill Brodie

\$ 25 Bill Smith

\$ 25 Ron Sieloff

\$ 25 Bonnie Lette

\$ 25 Bruce Lutheran

\$ 25 Mike Harkleroad

\$ 25 Bill Berger

\$ 25 Bruce Lutheran

\$ 25 Doug Riedel

\$ 25 Al Cap

\$ 25 Gary Shaffer

\$ 25 Ted Wiese

\$ 20 Rob Bowers

# Division 5 BOD Minutes

January 18, 2010 7:30 pm

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

It has been pointed out to us by the **Region** that members with a Family Member NMRA membership status are not permitted to hold elected office or appointed positions. This affects our Treasurer, Bonnie Lette. Bonnie will switch her membership to a Standard membership.

Due to our **Federal 501(c)3 Non-Profit status**, there may be an issue with having separate checking accounts for the Division and Railfest. After Railfest 2010, we will eliminate the separate Railfest checking account. We will look at using cash advances to the Railfest Chairman and require monthly Railfest financial reports accounting for the money spent.

**Railfest 2010 status:** We have 65 dealers and 220 tables sold to date. We are sending invitations out to some of the dealers on our waiting list.

There was some interest expressed by some **Division 5 members** in keeping the HO modules going, but the current status is unknown. A few people said they would take care of setting modules up at Railfest 2010, but we don't have a specific list of names. Space has been reserved for the modules but we need to have a solid commitment. We are committed to setting up the HO modules in May at Farmpark for the Railroads In The Parks weekend. After that, the Division's involvement with the modules will end.

Nothing new to report on the **Convention**. Some initial contacts have been made regarding industrial and prototype tours, but it is too soon to get any commitments. The next convention committee meeting will be at the Geneva Lodge on February 6.

**Division 5 2010 election status:** Dennis Lloyd will be the election Teller. Dick Naramore and Ted Wiese are on the Nominating Committee. We need one more member for the committee. We do not have any official candidates yet.

We do not have a **Program** lined-up yet for the February meeting. Doug Nichols will put on a clinic at the March meeting. Dale Smith indicated that he may be able to get Chuck Klein to do a presentation on a steam excursion for the April meeting.

We have not done anything so far to prepare for the **Division's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2011**. Matt Kross offered to coordinate any activities, but has not seen any interest or enthusiasm from Division members.

Some **Promo Day 2010 fliers** have been printed.

**The Touchstone account** where we have the bulk of our savings has not yielded much interest. A motion was passed to allow our Treasurer to look at other investment possibilities where we could move our savings to.

# Division 5 BOD Minutes cont...

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**A Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad Historical Society** is being formed.

There was some discussion about the need for some **Division 5 advertising signs** that could be placed on a table top or be free-standing on the floor. Also, it was suggested that we should try to have a repair / troubleshooting station at Promo Day where people could bring in model railroad items that are not working.

We had about 30 people attend the **Division 5 Holiday Party** and had a nice presentation by Division 9 on their upcoming MCR convention this Spring.

**Division 5** will again donate the HO car kits for the Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge workshop that will be held during the Railroads In The Parks weekend.

**Dale Smith** reported that Dean Freytag was having some health problems and was currently recuperating.

**Next BOD Meeting** will be February 15, 2010 at Hambden Town Hall at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by: **Matt Kross**, Davison 5 Clerk

## 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

# Vermont Railroading – Route 7

**By: Bruce Lutheran**

A couple years ago, I wrote an article on Railroading in Vermont. My focus was on the old Train Depot in Bennington. While on a recent trip to Vermont, I got the chance to drive from

the southern end of Vermont to the Northern end in Burlington. Along the way, I got the chance to view some old Vermont railway history. My trip started up route 7. Along the way I passed up some old factories, train sta-

tions, towns and Depots that had been in use “Back in the day”. Back in the late 1800’s, the Bennington and Rutland Railroad was key to commerce in southern Vermont. It later became part of the Rutland railroad. The Rutland railroad

ran from Burlington to Bennington Vermont. Located just north of Bennington is an old building that had its original gas station pump island still in tact. (shown below). As I proceeded further North, I passed Manchester Center and the building to the left. It was an old Depot used by the Vermont railroad. Continuing up Route 7, I passed along side of a rail line that followed the same valley as the road. You can see by the pictures below the lack of use, but, you see some good modeling info. Further up the road, I passed the town of Wallingford. It had its depot turned into a fire department/station.



It was set right along the tracks, which can be seen in the next picture. These tracks are still in use today by local businesses on either side of the station. A few blocks up the

street, I saw the “Local freight” working the railroad. Its sporting it new paint scheme. This freight was just down the road from this factory. Just North of the factory

was the city of Rutland. The city is the county seat and contains many old examples of architecture. If you take out some of the modern signs and

cars, you would think you are looking at a layout. I loved the history and detail shown in the following photo’s:

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# Vermont Railroading – Route 7<sub>cont...</sub>

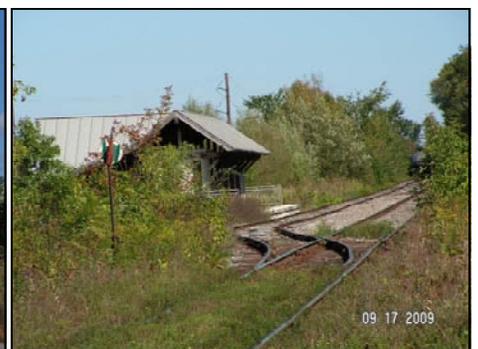
By: Bruce Lutheran



The following picture is of the old train depot in Rutland. It was turned into an auto parts store, but, you can still see the classic roof lines and station detail.



Continuing up RT. 7 at New Haven Junction, This old depot was turned into a small business. It dates back to 1868. Notice the semaphore signal thru the roof. I took a close-up of it. Above is a photo to show a great weathering project/detail.



This next Depot was in Vergennes. It is adjacent to a small business located on the railroad. It dates back to early 1900's. The next picture is of the old depot at Ferrisburgh. It was on private property, so the picture is not the best. The Rt. 7 by-pass from southern to northern Vermont is full of beautiful mountain scenery and valleys, and of course, some really interesting Vermont railroad history!



# Railfest 2010

## Model Railroad Show & Flea Market

**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**  
2-Day Train Show  
in Ohio

3000 FREE Parking Spaces  
FREE Shuttle Bus  
8:30am - 4:30pm

Admission ----- \$7.00  
Two-Day Pass ----- \$12.00  
Family (couples) --- \$12.00  
Family (max) ----- \$12.00  
(Adults with Children under 18)

### For Information:

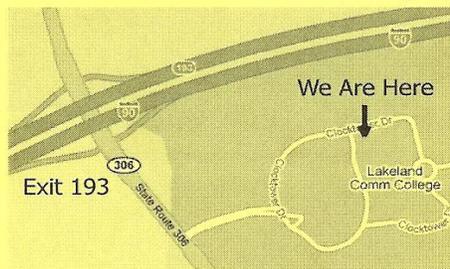
NMRA MCR Division 5  
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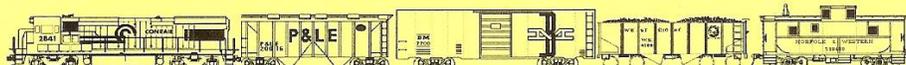
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- Flea Market
- Exhibitors
- Operating Layouts
- Video Tapes
- Historical Displays
- Train Ride Info
- Food Service Available
- "The Best Train Show in Ohio"

### 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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# Great Winter photos from Rockhill Pa.



It was the second weekend of the holiday events at the trolley museum and I don't know if it snowed where you were at but it snowed all day at the trolley museum on

Saturday, which was Santa's Trolley day. It started around 8:30 in the morning and kept snowing all day until about 5:00 in the afternoon. It made for some great views but really cut into our passen-

ger count I don't have the numbers from the day time operations but I am sure it was no where near our typical 700 or 800 riders that we have carried on the past Santa's Trolley events. For the eve-

ning operations we carried 135 riders from 6:30 until 9:00PM, which was down as well. It was really neat operating over the snow covered right of way in the evening. Open car 1875 even operated for one



trip, but I missed operating it as I was staying nice and toasty operating Johnstown 355. The open car ran Friday night too and it was fun running it then. Nothing like riding or operating an open

car on a cold winter night! I had brought my G scale LGB trains out as I have done in the past and Nicholas and I got the trains set up and ready to go Saturday morning. Then it started snowing. Rather

than take it down right away, my LGB trains got their first adventure running in the snow. We had a scale blizzard! Nicholas kept them going until around 2:30 when we started taking them apart and

getting them in the museum store to dry out overnight. I packed everything up this morning, before we headed out the line to get decorations down.

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## Great Winter photos from Rockhill Pa. cont.....



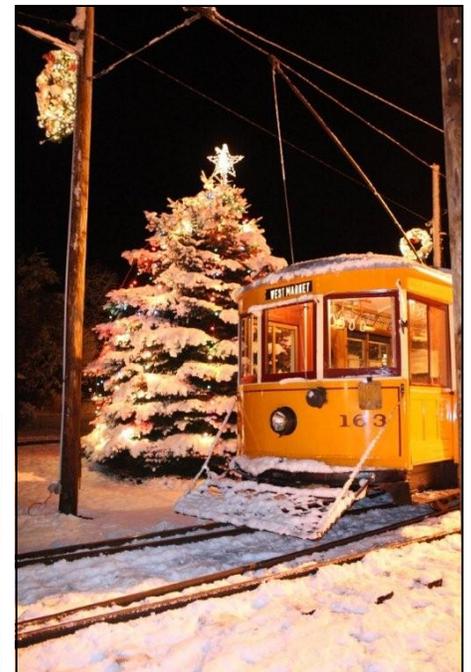
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Fortunately we had enough volunteers to keep most of the areas covered, but if we would have been busier we would have possibly been short staffed. I was able to sneak out along the line and get a few pictures (OK maybe

more than a few) which are enclosed. Thanks to all the volunteers who came out and helped during the day. A special thanks to the volunteers responsible for setting up these events and dismantling everything and storing it away for another year. It is a ton of work and planning, but it makes for a

really fun time at the museum and provides the museum with some really needed income for our budget. Come out and see it some time or jump in to volunteer!

**Joel**



## Erie PA Railroadiana and Model

The necessary information is as follows:

**Date March 7 2010**

Rainbow Gardens Waldameer Park

Hours 10 AM to 4 PM

Admission Adults \$4.00,

Students 12-18 and Senior Citizens \$3.00

Kids under 12 are free Dealer

Tables available for the following:

1-14 FT \$30.00

2 or more 14 FT \$25.00 Each

8 FT tables \$20.00 Each

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**February Division 5 Meeting**

February 5th, 2010

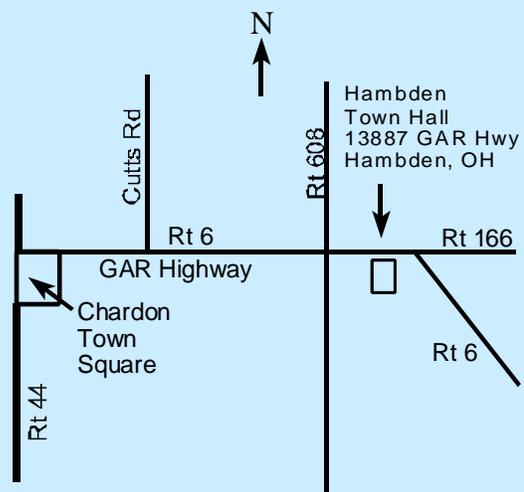
**Division 5 monthly meetings normally start at 7:30 PM.**

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

*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*



Map to Hambden Town Hall

**March Trainwire Deadline**  
**February 20th.**

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