



# The Trainwire.



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## Division 2010 Elections

We had to twist a few arms, but we finally have a slate of candidates for the Division 5 2010 elections. The candidates running for the various positions are:

**Superintendent:** Mike Buehner

**Assistant Superintendent:** Eric Hansmann

**Treasurer:** Bonnie Lette

A postcard ballot will be mailed before the end of March to all Division 5 members as listed by the NMRA roster for our Division as of March 1, 2010. The ballot will be pre-addressed to our election teller and stamped. All you have to do is vote and drop the postcard in the mail. There is a space under each office for a write-in candidate. In order to be valid, a write-in candidate must have accepted to run for the office and have the support of at least two other members.

Ballots must be received by May 6, 2010 to be counted. Winners will be announced at the May 7, 2010 Division 5 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

Willoughby, Ohio  
Mentor, Ohio  
Chardon, Ohio  
Perry, Ohio



*Please support these dealers!*

## UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

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

### April

Location: Hambden Town Hall  
 Program: (Last Steam Operation on the "B&O")  
*Presented by:* Chuck Klein  
 Bring & Brag: "Maintenance of Way"

### May

Location: Hambden Town Hall  
 Program: TBA  
 Bring & Brag: "Grain Cars"

### June

Location: Hambden Town Hall  
 Program: TBA  
 Bring & Brag: "Grain Cars"

### July

No meeting this month.

**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.

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

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

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| <b>Division 5 BOD Meeting</b>                            | <b>April 15</b>          |
| Hambden Hall<br>Hambden, Ohio                            |                          |
| <b>WRMRRM Open House &amp; Train Show</b>                | <b>April 17 &amp; 18</b> |
| 7230 Justin Way<br>Mentor, Ohio                          |                          |
| <b>Lake Shore Live Steam public Run</b>                  | <b>April 18</b>          |
| "Earth Day" 1pm-3pm.<br>Penitentiary Glen-Kirtland, Ohio |                          |
| <b>Railroads in the Park</b>                             | <b>May 1 &amp; 2</b>     |
| FarmPark<br>Kirtland, Ohio                               |                          |
| <b>Lake Shore Live Steam public Run</b>                  | <b>May 2</b>             |
| Penitentiary Glen / 1pm-3pm.<br>Kirtland, Ohio           |                          |
| <b>Division 5 Layout Tour</b>                            | <b>May 8</b>             |
| Times to be announced                                    |                          |
| <b>2010 MCR Convention</b>                               | <b>May 13-16</b>         |
| Embassy Suites<br>Charleston, West Virginia              |                          |
| <b>Lake Shore Live Steam public Run</b>                  | <b>May 16</b>            |
| Penitentiary Glen / 1pm-3pm.<br>Kirtland, Ohio           |                          |
| <b>Division 4 Layout Tour</b>                            | <b>May 23</b>            |
| Times to be announced                                    |                          |

# Division 5 Minutes

March 5, 2010 7:30 pm

Superintendent Al Cap called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. Approximately 27 members and 3 guests were present.

**Division 5 election status:** Bonnie Lette is running for Treasurer. We do not have any other candidates. Per Al Cap, if no one will run for Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent, the MCR President can appoint someone to the position.

**Railfest 2010** status: 2 tables left to sell out of 400. We have 115 vendors.

We have not been able to get any further information regarding whether we need to change the Division 5 Regulations to adapt to recent changes in Ohio law regarding non-profit organizations. Al Cap is trying to check on this.

A **notice** was read about the Mid Central Region wanting to have some pins and shirts made. They need to get enough interest before proceeding. The pin would be \$4.55 and the golf style shirts would be \$30. You can have your name added to the shirt for an additional \$3.

**Nick's hobby shop** in North Canton, Ohio is downsizing and will eventually close.

**Division 1** will have a flea market on Nov 7.

The convention hotel for the **2010 MCR convention** in Charleston, WV is sold out. Alternative hotels are listed on the convention website. There will be a training session for contest judges at the convention.

The second annual **N-scale Weekend** will be held April 30 – May 2 in Columbus, OH.

We do not know if the **Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge** workshop will be cancelled during Railroads In The Parks. At the moment, the workshop is still a go. However, there is a major Boy Scout Expo going on that weekend and the scouts that are signed up may cancel.

There is a **NMRA National Boy Scout coordinator**. Information is available.

**Division 2's Jamboree** is April 17.

**Information** was provided about free track planning software from Atlas and a website that has a large list of kit instructions that you can download.

The next **Rails Of Ages convention committee** meeting will be on Saturday, April 10, at Dale Smith's house.

The **Division 5 Treasurer** read off the financial account balances. We are solvent and able to pay all our bills!

We need to do a better job of letting members know that their **NMRA membership** has expired. Many people are saying that they were never sent anything from the National office for renewal. Members need to check the address label on their Scale Rails or their membership cards to see when their membership expires.

**The museum (WRMRRM)** reported that their trainshow / open house went well. They had 2300 people go through the museum and 1200 attend the trainshow. They have a temporary G gauge layout on display. A lot of progress has been made on the American Flyer S layout scenery.

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# Division 5 Minutes cont...

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There will be an **Ohio Prototype Modelers Meet** in Marion, OH in April.

**Division 4** will be conducting something along the lines of our Promo Day on April 11. They are calling it "**Training Day**". It will be held in Lakewood, OH.

There was some discussion about the **Division 5 Holiday Party**. The general consensus was to go back to our original date and time, the first Friday of December in place of our regular monthly meeting.

It was reported that most of **Lawson Stevenson's** layout has been moved to the Ashtabula Maritime Museum.

Bring & Brag:	Dave Barnes	Matt Kross	Bill Berger
	Ken Stroebel	Bill Smith	Don Bittner
	Eric Hansmann	Bill Brodie	

Program: Dale Smith showed some slides from one of his railfanning trips.

## Running for Treasurer.

Bonnie Lette

I am running for re-election for the Treasurer position. I am currently serving as the Division's Treasurer. I have been interested in Model Railroad since 1978 when my boyfriend (now husband of 27 years) started a small layout in his dining room. After we got married, we moved the layout to our house. The layout was taken down when we did remodeling. About 9 years ago we finished the basement to put up another layout. This time the layout is much bigger than it was before.

Qualifications:

Associates Degree in Accounting from Kent State University. 3 years at a Bank as a Bank Teller & Bookkeeping Department. 3 months at an Ambulance & Livery Business as a one girl office – taking care of all the books, payroll and dispatching. 32<sup>nd</sup> year at my current job – Mid-West Materials, Inc. – which I have worked in or have been in charge of - Inventory, Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Computer, Phone System, Receptionist, and Office Manager. As a young adult, I was in 4-H and have held all the offices, plus was Assistant Advisor for 2 years. I am serving my 12<sup>th</sup> year as Secretary of our local Snowmobile Club.

NRMA Division accomplishments:

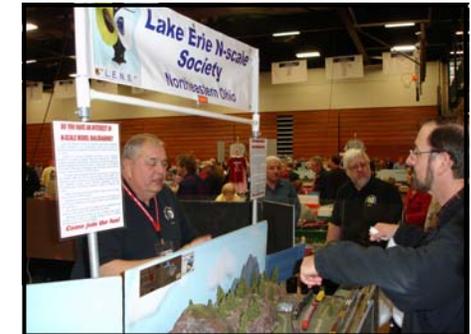
I have worked on 2005 Convention Committee as the co-Webmaster, Promotional Day 2004 & 2005 as Assistant Chairperson, Promotional Day 2006 as Chairperson, co-Webmaster for the Division, and helped with the raffle and clinics at Railfest along with other jobs that were asked of me. I served 2 years as the Clerk/Treasurer for the Division. I received the NMRA Volunteer AP Certificate last year. I am currently serving my 1st year as Division 5 Treasurer, taking care of the finances for the Division. I am the treasurer for the 2011 Rails of Ages Convention and co-Webmaster.



**Bonnie Lette**

# Pictures from Railfest 2010.

by: Ken Stroebel



Next Division 5 Meeting – April 2nd, 2010.

## And the Winners are ???

Once again Railfest 2010 saw the return of the very popular model railroad raffle. Division 5 raffled off 4 train sets, consisting of an HO Santa Fe Rail King set, N gauge Alaska McKinley Explorer, and several O gauge pieces. While many people entered the raffle and anxiously awaited the results, only four could go home with a new train set. The winners were:

<b>Tony Spena -</b>	HO Gauge Santa Fe set
<b>Adam Murphy -</b>	HO Gauge Rail King set
<b>Jim Turk -</b>	N Gauge Alaska set
<b>Bud Palmer -</b>	O Gauge rolling stock

*Reported by: Kenneth Stroebel*

# Spring Open House and Train Show

April 17 and 18, 2010

Saturday 10am to 8pm and Sunday 10am to 5pm

See the Worlds largest American Flyer layout.

at

7230 Justin Way  
Mentor, Ohio 44060

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

See our trains with Easter Displays  
**Easter Egg Counting Contest.**

Gift Shop, Face Painting, Café

Free Children ID by New York Life

Sponsored by CiCi's Pizza

# Division 5 BOD Minutes

March 15, 2010 7:30 pm

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on March 15, 2010 at Hambden Town Hall. Those in attendance were: Al Cap, Dale Smith, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Don Bittner, Bruce Lutheran, Matt Kross, Mike Buehner, and Lenny Kessler.

Division 5 election status: No one has come forward to run for Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent. A number of people were never contacted by Nominating Committee. The BOD reviewed the Division 5 membership roster for possibilities. Most of the names we came up with have been asked and turned us down. Al will have to contact Dick Briggs (MCR President) and inform him that we don't have anyone running.

Ron Biddel's wife died unexpectedly on Sunday, March 14. Division 5's deepest sympathies go out to Ron.

Railfest 2010 status: All tables are sold. HO modules will be there. Farmpark will provide labor and equipment to transport the modules to Railfest. Suggestion that we make a donation to Farmpark for their help and for storing the modules.

Bruce is looking at getting people interested in working on the HO modules at Farmpark. Need to work this out with Andy Baker. He had mentioned in the past that there was an area, next to where the modules are stored, that could be used for people to work on them.

May Division 5 membership meeting will be at Hambden since Railroads In The Parks will be May 1 and 2.

The BOD reviewed upcoming events and programs. We need programs for May and June. No Division 5 membership meeting will be held in July.

Programs: We need some how-to clinics at meetings to attract people. (trestles – Lenny, switchback module – Lettes, casting – Shaffer?, kitbashing – Arthur?)

Spring layout tours: Division 4 will be having some layouts open on May 23 (Sunday). Five layouts (3 on the west side, 2 on east side). We are looking at having some Division 5 layouts open on Saturday, May 8, for Division 4 members to come and see.

We are looking into some possible summer activities for the Division: picnic? AC&J train ride? Oil Creek & Titusville?

Still looking at whether we have to make changes to our Regulations for new non-profit rules in Ohio.

Steve Kaplan has offered to handle the annual non-profit IRS 990EZ form submission.

Motion passed that a member can only win once on any specific drawing at meetings and events.

Bruce Lutheran provided some information about a model railroad DVD money raising offer.

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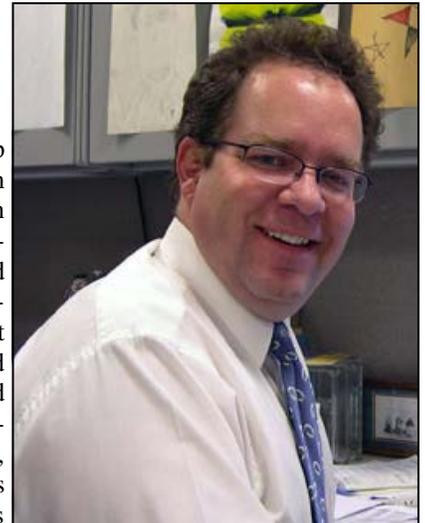
Bruce Lutheran is looking into another car project for the Division. There seems to be some interest. There isn't anything in this year's budget to do this, but, if needed, we can take money out of savings to fund this once we have a plan. We need specific details and financial estimates before we can authorize funding. The BOD indicated that we would fund the project if everything looks promising.

Next BOD meeting will be on Monday, April 19, 2010, at 7:30 PM at Hambden Town Hall.

## Running for Assistant Super.

Greetings Division 5 members,

I've met some of you, but not everyone. I'm the new guy. I moved to Bainbridge Township last May from Morgantown, West Virginia, as my wife took on a job at nearby Hiram College. My passion is model railroading, something I've done for almost 40 years. I've been an assistant super in Division 2, co-chaired a regional convention, coordinated publicity, publications and clinics for two other regional events, assisted with a few proto modeler meets, held an elected model railroad club position for 20 years, and have edited a club newsletter, division newsletter and an issue of the Layout Design Journal. What keeps my hobby interest strong are the techniques and information that I learn from the people around me. That would be you. We share a great hobby that has a never ending supply of information to learn and understand. We can teach each other best as a group. We can learn the best as a group. I believe this is why we are members of the NMRA. Sure we all have a HUGE interest in trains, but we have learned from each other and have forged friendships from these experiences. It is the true hallmark of NMRA membership. I want to push our group further to share the talents we all have so we can bolster our own skills and become even better modelers of railroads.



**Eric Hansmann**

# The National Model Railroad Association, Inc.'s 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photography Contest

**W**in a cab ride in a Union Pacific steam locomotive! The National Model Railroad Association and the Union Pacific Railroad are pleased to announce a model photography contest to help celebrate the 75th anniversary of the NMRA. The NMRA will pick one photograph submitted by an NMRA member in good standing depicting one or more models of UP equipment and/or structures in a realistic scene. The photograph will be judged

for prototype fidelity of the modeling and scene as well as for photographic art. The member submitting the photograph will win a cab ride in one of the mainline steam locomotives operated by the Union Pacific on the Kansas City to Jefferson City leg of the Missouri River Eagle Excursion. Airfare (up to \$500.00), two hotel nights, and transportation to and from the excursion will be provided for the winner by the NMRA. To be eligible, the photograph must be in an envelope postmarked (or origi-

nated in transit by a third-party service such as FedEx or UPS) by August 31, 2010, and received no later than September 7, 2010. Only one photograph may be submitted per envelope, but there is no limit on the number of photographs a member may submit. Photographic prints, slides, or digital images are acceptable. Prints must be 8" x 10." Digital images must be taken with a camera of 7.1 megapixels or greater to satisfy the printing requirements. All submitted photographs shall become

the property of the NMRA, and the NMRA and Union Pacific may use the photograph in any manner they choose. All members participating in the contest agree to provide to the NMRA the original medium of the photograph (negative, transparency, or digital file) if requested. Please send all photographs to Robert J. Amsler, Jr., 514 Dover Place, St. Louis MO 63111. Be sure to protect photographs from bending or mishandling in the mail.

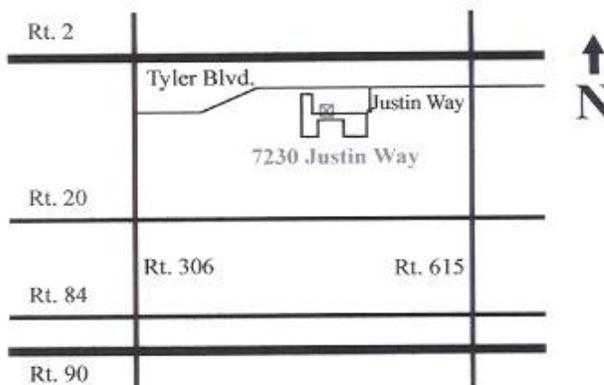
## Division 5 Company Store Items

- 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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Mentor, Ohio 44060  
440-251-0350

# 2010 MUSEUM SHOW SCHEDULE



- April 17th & 18th ----- Train Show/Spring Open House<sup>#</sup>
- May 8th & 9th ----- Sports Cards
- May 22nd & 23rd ----- Sportsmans Show
- June 5th & 6th ----- Coins & Stamps
- June 26th & 27th ----- Dolls & Miniatures
- July 10th & 11th ----- Antique Cars<sup>\*</sup>
- July 24th & 25th ----- Antiques
- August 7th & 8th ----- Fall/Winter Travel Ohio
- August 21st & 22nd ----- Comic Books
- Sept 11th & 12th ----- Copiers, Computers & Electronics
- Sept 25th & 26th ----- Train Show/Oktoberfest Open House<sup>#</sup>
- October Haunted House Every Weekend! ----- "Nightmare Express"<sup>\*\*1</sup>
- November 6th & 7th ----- Pet Supplies - Adopt-A-Pet
- November 20th & 21st ----- Holiday Craft Show
- December 4th & 5th ----- Train Show/Holiday Open House<sup>#</sup>

Food Services Available at all events

<sup>1</sup> This event is \$20.00/person

<sup>#</sup> Professional Character photos

<sup>\*</sup> Beer available

Show Admission ----- \$7.00/day

(2 day pass ----- \$12.00)

Family (couples) ----- \$12.00/day

(2 day pass ----- \$22.00)

(Children under 18 free with adult)

**Museum admission as always is FREE!**

**For Exhibitor  
Information:**

wrmrrm@sbcglobal.net

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**Team Track**[www.MCR5.org](http://www.MCR5.org)

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**April Division 5 Meeting**

April 2nd, 2010

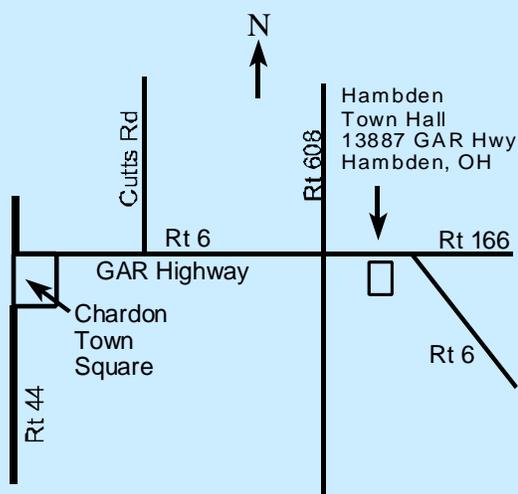
Division 5 monthly meetings normally start at 7:30 PM.

**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:** Scenery featuring Styrofoam and plaster**Presented by:** Doug Nichols**Bring & Brag:** "Structures"

**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*



Map to Hambden Town Hall

**May Trainwire Deadline**  
**April 20th.**

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