



The Trainwire.



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



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Hobby Town USA
Train Specialty Company
Village Train Shop
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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.

May 7th, 2010

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: **Weathering**

Bring & Brag: "Grain Cars"

June 4th, 2010

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: **Rubber City Rails (1950 + 1960's**

Bring & Brag: "Cabooses"

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.

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SCHEDULED EVENTS

Railroads in the Park **May 1 & 2**

FarmPark

Kirtland, Ohio

Lake Shore Live Steam public Run **May 2**

Penitentiary Glen / 1pm-3pm.

Kirtland, Ohio

Division 5 Layout Tour **May 8**

Times to be announced

2010 MCR Convention **May 13-16**

Embassy Suites

Charleston, West Virginia

Lake Shore Live Steam public Run **May 16**

Penitentiary Glen / 1pm-3pm.

Kirtland, Ohio

Division 5 BOD Meeting **May 17**

Hambden Hall

Hambden, Ohio

Division 4 Layout Tour **May 23**

Times to be announced

Division 5 Minutes

April 2, 2010 7:30 pm

Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Al Cap at 7:31 pm at Hambden Town Hall. Approximately 27 members and 5 guests were present.

Some issues were raised about conflicting information in the April Trainwire and the amount of space dedicated to the museum.

Railfest Chairman Jim Wendorf provided a report on how Railfest 2010 went. We had approximately 3000 paid adult attendance with an estimated 500 – 600 kids. There were 32 two day passes purchased. There were 11 layouts. The three layouts in the one classroom said they got lots of people coming through. No major issues or incidents were reported. Thanks to everyone that helped. The vendors were happy and want to come back. We are maxed-out with regards to space at the college.

The number of Division 5 members interested in the HO modules is growing. Everything went well with the Railfest setup. The Lake Farmpark staff cooperation and help with moving the modules from Farmpark to Lakeland was wonderful. Everything is looking good for the setup at Farmpark in May.

Boy Scout Railroading merit badge workshop at Lake Farmpark in May is still a go.

Nick's hobby shop in North Canton is now only open on Saturdays.

Chuck Klein of Division 4 talked about their Training Day. It is focused on the youth. There will be How-To clinics and layouts where people can run trains.

Next convention meeting will be on April 17.

Treasurer Bonnie Lette provided a report on our account balances.

Mike Buehner is working on setting up a way to order Division apparel online directly from the supplier.

Joint Div 4 / Div 5 layout tours are set for May 8 and May 23. Information will be in the May Trainwire.

Ron Biddell provided an update on what is going on at the Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum. They continue to work on the layouts. There will be a train show at the museum in April.

Bring & Brag: Topic – Maintenance of Way or Structures

Ken Stroebel
Bill Smith

Matt Kross
Dave Neff

Don Bittner
Rich Kacprzak

Program: Chuck Klein from Division 4 presented a wonderful program on the last days of steam on the B&O. The program featured a B&O steam fan trip out of Cleveland in the 1950's that Chuck went on when he was 12 years old.

Division 5 BOD Minutes

April 19, 2010 7:30 pm

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on April 19, 2010 at Hambden Town Hall. Those in attendance were: Al Cap, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Don Bittner, Matt Kross, Harley Smith, Jim Wendorf, Eric Hansmann, Mike Buehner, Lenny Kessler.

Railfest 2010 results: We made approximately \$16,500 this year at Railfest. Thanks to all those that helped make this a very successful show. Estimated paid adult attendance was 3,020.

Division computer: It would be helpful to have a laptop PC for Railfest use. It was recommended that the BOD consider purchasing an inexpensive one for the Division. The Railfest chairman would like to have the PC by August. In addition, it would also be helpful to have a printer at Railfest. It was recommended that the Division purchase a printer along with the laptop PC. The BOD discussed options for providing this equipment. The BOD would like to see some cost estimates before making any decisions. It was agreed that these items should be purchased as Div 5 equipment since they will be used for other Div 5 functions (meeting programs, convention, etc.)

Railfest 2011 planning: Discussed adjusting door prices and table fees either up or down. It was felt that the amounts should be kept as is. They should be fine for a number of years. Discussed the amount of seed money that is needed in the Railfest account? It was decided that \$2,000 should be okay. Looking at doing some TV advertising next year. Invites go out October 1. Table money does not start coming in until after that.

Storage locker: It is now being used for other things than Railfest items. It should be moved to the Division 5 budget and paid as a regular Division 5 expense.

At the invitation of the **Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum**, a number of Division 5 BOD members visited the museum to view the space that they are creating for putting on various shows. If the museum is able to implement their ideas, the show space would be much larger than what is available at Lakeland Community College. The BOD discussed the option of moving Railfest to the show space at the museum if and when it is completed. The pros and cons of the space, location, and actually changing the Railfest venue were discussed. Until the needed building improvements are made at the museum, moving Railfest to that location cannot be considered.

The Railfest bank account will be restructured at the bank to be a part of the overall Div 5 bank account at Charter One Bank. This will allow all accounts to be shown as part of the Division 5 organization which is needed for our Federal 501 (c)3 Non-Profit Organization status. We will need to close the existing Railfest account and create a new account.

Division 5 election status as of April 19, 2010: 54 ballots received to date (out of 97).

Talked about supporting Division 4's bid for the **NMRA national convention in 2013**. We would like more information about what commitments will be required. We can definitely provide manpower to help with the planning and running the convention. We would like to know what financial commitments are being asked for.

Dale Smith will be the proxy at the MCR BOD meeting in May.

Possible trips: Contacts have been made regarding some of our suggested outdoor layout visits. Initial results are promising and we will try to set up some dates. LSLs run schedule is posted on their website.

Division 5 / Division 4 layout tours will be held on May 8 and May 23. Information will be in Trainwire. Program for May is "Weathering" by Eric Hansmann. June program: video – "Rubber City Rails – 1950's/60's".

Discussed some issues that came up about the **April Trainwire**. The Trainwire Editor said he needed filler and the museum info was all he had. Some modifications will be made to improve readability.

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Division 5 BOD Minutes cont...

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Convention: There was a convention committee meeting on April 17. Division 9 is willing to help us in any way they can at this year's MCR convention in Charleston, WV. We have items to send to them to put in their registration packets. Dale Smith will make a presentation to promote our convention at the banquet. Starting to get details together for tours and events. After this year's MCR convention in May, we will start our push to get people to register, to put on clinics, and to commit to helping. We only have 6 Volunteer registrations to date. Rick Rowlands of the Youngstown Steel Heritage Foundation has agreed to be the banquet speaker for our convention.

Next meeting will be May 17, 2010 at the Hambden Town Hall at 7:30 PM.

Home Layout Tours. *Saturday May 8, 2010*

This is a self-guided tour, but with these directions so you shouldn't have any trouble finding the layouts. Note: For the Cleveland area layouts, there is a code number for each of the descriptions. If you use the *Street Atlas by Commercial Survey Co.* you will find that the code tells you the book, page and section.

A **Division 4 Crossbuck** will be posted **in front of each Division 4 house** except where noted.

Please NO SMOKING, TOUCHING OR PHOTOGRAPHING ANYTHING
in the layout room unless the owner gives you permission.

Enjoy your tour!

Division 4 Layouts Open noon-5pm

Frank Feko – Southern Ohio and Michigan RR - HO - 6910 SOM Center Road, Solon, Ohio. Telephone: 440.248.4599. (CUY. 27 – C1). One mile south of Route 43 on the southwest corner of the Arthur/Ada intersection. House faces SOM, driveway and mailbox are on Arthur. Freelanced HO scale 20' x 27' double decker with hidden lower and visible upper staging. The time frame is mid-fall 1955 late steam early diesel with unique loads in/empties out situations. Upper deck is single track, 95% scniced and includes the world's longest "drawbridge" and a full floating "steel viaduct." The under construction lower deck is double track including a "swinging lift bridge" and a "rollout table" engine servicing facility. Control is by NCE radio. Frank is the proprietor of Sounds of Motion, DCC Sales and Technical Support. Enter through rear door from patio.

Jim Peters - LITTLE SCIOTO & MINGO JCT. – HO - 735 Southridge Rd, Sagamore Hills

Tel: 216-402-8507. 4.9 miles east of Exit 156 I77. East on E. Pleasant Valley (becomes Alexander Rd.) 3.6 miles. Turn right on Dunham .6 miles. Turn left on Sagamore Rd .2 miles. Turn right on Mary Mac .2 miles. Turn left on Southridge .2 miles. Proceed into cul de sac. Freelanced HO 24' x 36' around the wall and peninsula layout with 20% scenery. 8 crew members on operating nights. Jim has been awarded NMRA Achievement certificates for Golden Spike & Assoc Volunteer. Enter through garage - right into basement.

Please note: Division 5 members are welcome to tour Division 4 layouts.

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Division 5 Layouts

In preparation for their upcoming Convention in 2011, Division 5 is inviting Division 4 members to view their layouts, as well. For additional information, contact Mike Buehner 440.428.0137 or 440.479.2276 or email mike.buehner@mcr5.org. Mike can give you a link to an interactive Google map with addresses to open layouts.

Unless otherwise noted, Division 5 layouts will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Ted Wiese - On3 - 9099 Regency Woods Dr., Kirtland, Ohio Open from 1pm-5pm

The 26' x 40' San Juan Southern connects the Rio Grande Southern with Red Mountain mining area North of Silverton Colorado. The layout has about 50% of trackage in place and about 10% scenic. If you park in the drive, stay to the right, do not drive to the left or back to the garage. Additional parking is on the street, opposite the fire hydrants. Walk around back to the basement door under the deck. **Open from 1pm-5pm.**

Tony Spena - HO, O, & G - 11145 Caddie Lane, Concord, Ohio

This 40' x 20' layout (which is untitled at the moment) depicts two city areas of the 1950-1970s, with steam and diesel, a 2 level passenger station, real H2O waterfall and operating container crane. The trackage is about 99% with scenery at 80%. DCC is used through out. Tony has also added Lionel O scale and a G scale Layout.

Dave Hanna - HO - 7669 Chillicothe Rd., Mentor, Ohio

Representing the Middle division of the PRR (Mount Union to Altoona, Pa.) this 32' X 36' layout depicts 1946-1954, has a heavy-duty multi-track mainline, steam and early diesel. There is no present operating scheme but contains a logging line with a switchback, shays, heislors and a climax. It is DC wiring with cordless throttles. No pictures without owner's permission. Additional parking is across the street in Church parking lot. (Except during services)

Harley Smith - HO - 13630 G.A.R. Hwy (Rt 6), Hambden, Ohio

This Ohio Northern is 23' x 46' is 95% complete with the track work and scenery is 80% complete. It contains a heavy traffic double main line with plenty of switching, set up to load, haul and rotary dump 30 car trains of load stone. It is DC with radio throttles on the mainline and hand-helds in the yards and switching areas. Operation sessions are available for those interested. Please contact Harley @ 440-286-4890.

Matt Kross - N - 12049 Sperry Rd., Chesterland, Ohio

Open 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

The Brandt River Railroad is 21' x 35' with 75% track work completed. The scenery is at 25% complete and features a freelance modern era bridge route running from the coalfields of WV through western PA to a Lake Erie port. It is loosely based on the P&LE RR. Coal, steel and petroleum products are the main products transported. Have 2 helixes to the lower level staging yard. West Virginia branch line bench work is started. Please enter through stairs at the back of the house.

Mike Buehner - N - 6350 River Rd., Madison, Ohio

The Grand River Railroad (GRRT) is Modern Era, Loosely based on northeast Ohio, 2 yards (1 is a Ntrak module), intermodel facility, 3 track staging, 2% grade on main line, industries are steel scrap, chemical, aggregates, freight, and various others, Branch line (GRRT) shares trackage rights with main and interchanges with the CSX. Digitrax DCC, with all manual switches, using carcards with switch lists.

Dick Naramore - HO - 864 Rt 307 West, Jefferson, Ohio

West Penn. Junction a 1945-1955 era HO layout depicting a Branchline with lots of switching. 100% of the trackwork is finished and about 80% of the scenery. There are interchanges, a small yard, and plenty of area business and industries that are served.

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Western Reserve Model RR Museum - 7230 Justin Way, Mentor, OH 44060

<http://www.wrmrrm.org/>

Open 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

As always the WRMRRM is open for the general public from 10 am- 5 pm. They have 16 different scales on display and operating layouts. Many Div 5 members participate at the museum. Come see their efforts, as if it was their home layout.

Home Layout Tours.

Sunday May 23, 2010

Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Division 4 Layouts

Joe Filipiak - CHICAGO JUNCTION DIVISION OF THE CHESSE SYSTEM

16540 Chamberlain Road, Grafton

Tel: 440-926-2469. (Lorain/Medina 17-C2) Take Route 83 to 303. Turn on to 303 west to the second intersection, then right on Chamberlain (north). First house on the left. The date is 1985. Only steam and diesel that ran on the Chessie in 1985 are to be seen on this layout. The railroad is 35' by 25' and features a lot of scratch built structures. Among them, an operating coal dump in which a hopper unloading elevator lifts the car in preparation for the unloading process, then returns the car to ground level. A scratch built model of the old Willard roundhouse is another one of the features. Partially scened.

Brian Haas - The P.C. and the B. & O., 13415 Durkee Rd., Grafton.

Home Tel: 440-926-2537 or Cell: 440.376.0606. (Lor. 17 A2) Route 82, Elyria Twinsburg Rd, to Durkee Road. South on Durkee, cross Capel Rd West and then Capel Rd East. ¼ mile east on east side of street. HO Gauge, modeling the Penn Central and B. & O. 1974-1975. Layout is 29'x22', continuous run on the Penn Central. Interchange with the B&O at Grafton, Ohio the B&O is point to point. Railroad is two level with helix down to staging. Uses Prodigy DCC for Penn Central and Crest for B&O. Enter through front door.

Ben Lanza - Hell, West & Crooked Railroad 11330 Villa Grande Drive, North Royalton

Tel: 440-582-2113. (Cuy. 31 - B3) Off Wallings Road between State and Broadview Roads, first street 1/4 mile east of State Road to the right (south). HO scale 11' x 22" switching layout loosely based on the Great Northern Railway, era, mid twentieth century. All major construction completed with 100% track installed, two levels, two yards and over 95% of the scenery completed. Uses switch lists and manifests that are computer-generated. Rail-Lynx infrared un-tethered control system and/or cab control. Ben has received the Golden Spike Award. Enter through garage, then down the stairs to basement. **Due to space considerations, only 3 people will be allowed in at one time. Please note: This layout will be open 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

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May Division 5 Meeting

May 7th, 2010

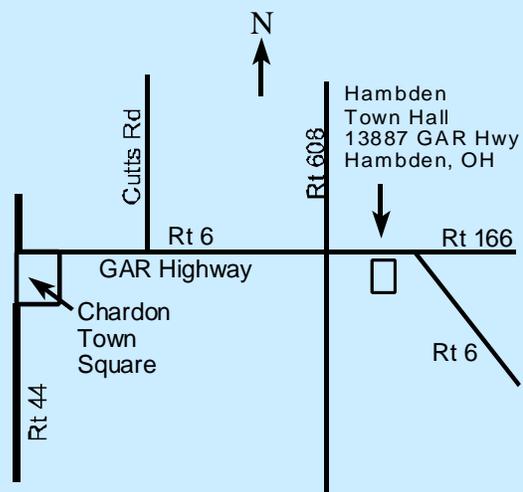
Division 5 monthly meetings normally start at 7:30 PM.

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

June Trainwire Deadline
May 20th.

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