



# The Trainwire.



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## Superintendent's Message.

After all the arm twisting, subtle hints, and "We need You" I have accepted the Superintendent position. Many have said that we (the Division) need new blood. I don't exactly agree, I'm not a spring chicken and I am fairly new to the hobby. What I think is needed is an infusion to spark others to participate whether they are Old-timers or just an armchair modeler. I'm not concerned with what scale anybody models but what they want to model. I model in N scale (the normal scale) and would like to share my layout with others. I also have N-trek modules that I display at various events. Maybe someone might have modeled something similar only in another

scale with a technique I could use. It is about sharing this hobby we enjoy and sharing equates to participating; participating leads to becoming more active. I have not met half of our membership and I have been with the Division for around 3 years. If you come to our monthly meeting, step-up and shake my hand, I would like to meet you. I may not remember your name but I will remember your face. One of my flaws is (*I have to write it to remember it*). I would also like to congratulate Eric Hansman as Asst. Superintendent and Bonnie Lette as Treasurer. Eric is a welcomed edition to the Division and may likely chair some of the meetings in the winter months during my absents at work.

There are many available positions open that I would like to fill. First off, I would like to say these positions are not permanent. If you feel like filling the position for a few months or for an event that would be welcomed. The first position is that of Refreshments, Ron Biddell has ask if someone would take over for him. The other positions are Tripmaster and Publicity. If you desire to coordinate a division sponsored trip you can contact me at a meeting, email, or by phone. This next year will be busy between Railfest, Promo Day, and the 2011 Convention and I am looking forward to meeting and participating with all of you in these model railroad events. - *Mike Buehner*

## 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!*

## UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

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

### June 4th, 2010

Location: Hambden Town Hall

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

Bring & Brag: "Cabooses"

### July

No meeting this month.

### August 6th, 2010

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: **TBA**

Bring & Brag: "Flat cars / unique loads"

### September 3rd, 2010

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: **Promo Day Clinics** (trestles, plastic models

Bring & Brag: "Tank cars" & track laying)

### The Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum

**7230 Justin Way**

Mentor, Ohio 44060

#### Summer Hours

**Tuesday 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Wednesday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Thursday 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Friday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Saturday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Sunday Noon - 5:00 PM**

**Monday CLOSED**

Contact Tom @ 440-251-0350 for more information.

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

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**L. S. Live Steamers Public Run June 13**

Penitentiary Glen Reservation (1pm- 3pm)

Kirkland, Ohio

**Division 5 BOD Meeting June 21**

Hambden Hall

Hambden, Ohio

**L. S. Live Steamers Public Run June 27**

Penitentiary Glen Reservation (1pm- 3pm)

Kirkland, Ohio

**NMRA National Convention July 11 - 18**

75th Anniversary

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**L. S. Live Steamers Public Run July 11**

Penitentiary Glen Reservation (1pm- 3pm)

Kirkland, Ohio

# Division 5 Minutes

May 7, 2010 7:30 pm

Assistant Superintendent Dale Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. Approximately 29 members and 6 guests were present.

Treasurer Bonnie Lette provided the status of the Division financial accounts. All bills are paid and we are financially sound. The money made at Railfest 2010 has been transferred to the Division account.

All Railfest 2010 bills have been paid and an audit can be conducted. Jim Wendorf is working with Lakeland Community College to see if there is any additional space that we can use for Railfest.

Mike Buehner provided the status on the upcoming May layout tours.

Bruce Lutheran and Dale Smith provided an update on the Promo Day 2010 planning. They are asking for volunteers to help with presentations on track laying, basic benchwork framing, scenery, basic layout electrical skills, and plastic kit building as well as others related to building a model railroad layout or module.

Matt Kross and Dale Smith provided an update on the 2011 convention planning. The convention committee met recently. We will be making a convention presentation at this year's MCR convention banquet. This year's MCR convention registration packet will contain a flier for our convention, an early registration form, a call for clinicians, and one of our convention advertising pens. We have a speaker lined up for our convention banquet. It will be Rick Rowlands of the Youngstown Steel Heritage Foundation. The NOARS group is looking at putting together a brief history of each railroad that use to run through northeast Ohio as something to hand out at the convention. We will start our advertising and registration push as soon as this year's MCR convention is over.

Bill Smith was awarded with his NMRA Golden Spike award.

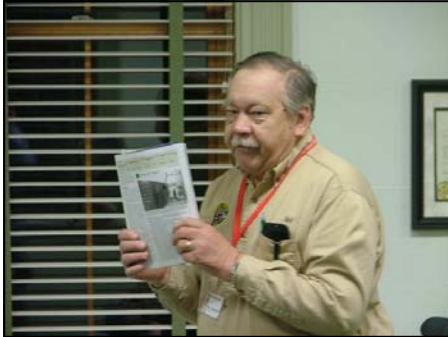
A new HO module group has been started using what is left of the Division 5 modules as a starting point. The modules are stored at Farmpark and there is space there to work on them. If you are interested in getting involved with this group, contact Bruce Lutheran.

<b>Bring &amp; Brag:</b>	Ted Wiese	Rich Kacprzak	Gary Shaffer
	Bill Smith	Don Bittner	Eric Hansmann
	Bill Brodie		

Program: Eric Hansmann put on a great clinic showing how he weathers freight cars. He showed the different materials and tools he uses to get the various effects. He had a large number of cars on display to show different styles of weathering.

Submitted by  
Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

# Pictures from the May Meeting.



Next Division 5 Meeting – June 4th, 2010.

# Division 5 BOD Minutes

May 17, 2010 7:30 pm

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on May 17, 2010 at Hambden Town Hall. Those in attendance were: Dale Smith, Don Bittner, Mike Buehner, Wayne Lette, Bonnie Lette, Lenny Kessler, Matt Kross, Bruce Lutheran, Dennis Lloyd, and Eric Hansmann.

## **September and October programs** will be Promo Day clinics (3 each month)

Lenny Kessler – trestles  
Bruce Lutheran – plastic models  
Dave Hanna – track laying  
Dale Smith – ballasting  
??? - electrical  
??? - benchwork  
Matt Kross - scenery

Election results: **Superintendent** – Mike Buehner, **Assistant Superintendent** – Eric Hansmann, **Treasurer** – Bonnie Lette. 56 out of 95 ballots were received. The BOD certified the election results. The ballots were destroyed.

The new Division 5 Superintendent, Mike Buehner, has selected the following members to serve as **Division Trustees** for the next two years: Dale Smith, Bruce Lutheran, Don Bittner, and Wayne Lette.

**Division 5 coordinator changes:** Refreshments coordinator is open. Ron Biddell will continue until a replacement is found. Other coordinator positions that are open are for the Company Store, Trip master and Publicity.

The Region is trying to focus on getting more members involved in the NMRA Achievement Program. The BOD discussed the possibility of modifying our Division 5 New Display Award requirements to make it fit the NMRA Golden Spike Award requirements. That way, those that qualify for the Division 5 award will qualify for the Golden Spike award.

A motion was made and passed for the Division 5 BOD to provide a written letter of support to Division 4 with regards to their bid for the NMRA 2014 national convention. We will indicate that we will provide manpower and financial support as well as help to open up layouts, tours, and other activities in our area.

Until a coordinator can be found, Mike Buehner will handle the Division 5 Company Store.

Some financial book keeping issues were discussed regarding our Federal 501(c)3 non-profit status. Our tax return for 2009 was filed. The 2008 tax returned was amended to correct categories for income and expenses. Steve Kaplan has done this for us. Steve is willing to continue assisting us with this in the future, but only if we use a financial tracking system such as QuickBooks or MSMoney. The suggestion is that the Division purchase a laptop and software that the Treasurer will use. It was also suggested that the Railfest finances be maintained in this same program. Bonnie Lette will attempt to enter all the Div 5 2009 expenses into a copy of MSMoney she has to see if that will work for Steve.

The BOD is currently considering purchasing two laptops, one for Railfest and one for the Division Treasurer. Before any purchase is authorized, we need to define the computer requirements and research costs. We believe we can use inexpensive laptop computers in the \$400 to \$600 range. We will wait for information and costs before any action will be taken.

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## Division 5 BOD Minutes cont...

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Motion passed to give Steve Kaplan a \$50 certificate for his help with the Division tax forms.

Those that attended the 2010 MCR convention talked about how things went and what ideas we can use for our convention next year.

Those that attended the MCR BOD meeting held at the Charleston convention discussed some of the issues that were brought up.

Eric Hansmann is working on putting together some Prototype Modeling afternoons. Right now he is looking for space. This will be put on as a Division 5 event but open to anyone interested. There will be no cost to the Division. Looking at holding the first one in September.

Next Div 5 BOD meeting will be June 21, 2010 at 7:30 pm at Hamden Town Hall.

## Bill Smith Receives His NMRA Golden Spike Award.



**Congratulations to Bill Smith on receiving his NMRA Golden Spike award. Bill was presented with his certificate at the May 2010 Division 5 meeting.**

# Do You Qualify For The NMRA Golden Spike Award?

Here are the requirements. They are fairly simple. If you have a home layout, a module, or have worked on sections of the museum layout, you probably qualify.

## **1. Rolling Stock (Motive Power & Cars):**

Display six units of rolling stock either scratch built, craftsman kits or detailed commercial kits.

## **2. Model Railroad Setting (Structures & Scenery)**

Construct a minimum of eight square feet of layout including scenery.

Construct five structures either scratch built, craftsman kits or detailed commercial kits. If a module has less than five structures, additional structures separate from the scene may be presented.

## **3. Engineering (Civil & Electrical)**

Three types of trackage required (e.g. turnout, crossing, crossover, etc.). All must be properly ballasted and installed on proper roadbed. Commercial trackage may be used.

All installed trackage must be properly wired so that two trains can be operated simultaneously (e.g. double track main, single track main with sidings, and block or command control).

Provide one additional electrical feature such as power operated turnouts, signaling, turnout indication, lighted buildings, etc.

## **NOTES:**

Not all of these requirements need to be met on the same layout (or piece of layout). They don't even need to be met in the same scale! If you want to build G scale rolling stock, an N scale Model Railroad setting, and an HO scale layout for trackage and wiring, go ahead.

Also, the Golden Spike, as well as the other parts of the AP have a certain amount of flexibility. For example, suppose you and your (friend / spouse / child) work together on all your projects, but do twice the required amount (12+ units of rolling stock, 16+ square feet of layout, 10+ structures, etc.). You can both be considered, as long as you can show that you have each demonstrated the required skills.

For more information and an application form, visit the NMRA website at:

<http://www.nmra.org/education/achievement/gold.html>

or contact Matt Kross.

Mid-Central Region, Division 5  
of the National Model Railroad Association Presents

# Model Railroad Layout Building Basics



Attend our **FREE**  
**Model Railroad Promotional Day**

Saturday, November 6, 2010  
Lakeland Community College Gym  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

In conjunction with the "O" Scale 2 Rail train show

**Have you ever wanted to learn how to  
build a model railroad?**

Come learn how for FREE!

We will be presenting free classes on  
the Basics of Model Railroad Layout building

These will include:

- |                              |                                     |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Basic layout framing         | – your railroad support structure   |
| Basics of laying Track       | – including the roadbed             |
| Simple wiring                | – to run your train                 |
| Basic Scenery                | – different construction techniques |
| Basic Plastic model building | – add that Station or Factory       |

Attend one class or all!

**NO PREVIOUS BUILDING SKILLS REQUIRED**

**You will be using only the most basic tools.**

Note: Under the age of 15 must be accompanied by an adult! Each Clinic will be taught by experienced model railroaders.

Bring your Questions and take home a wealth of knowledge and experience!

You are also invited to join us each March as we present Railfest, at Lakeland Community College, the largest train show in the state of Ohio!

For more up to date Info please check [www.MCR5.org](http://www.MCR5.org)

For Info: Contact Dale Smith 440-286-4932 or email [Promoday@MCR5.org](mailto:Promoday@MCR5.org)



# Promo Day request for help

*By:* Bruce Lutheran

As mentioned at the last meeting, Promo day is a club activity that is scheduled for Nov. 6 from 10:00 to 3:00 at Lakeland College. I am looking for volunteers to assist with either walk around help or clinics.

Thank you to several people who have already stepped forward. They are as follows:

- 1: Dave Hanna – Track Laying
- 2: Matt Kross – Scenery – (Sept)
- 3: Dale Smith – Basic Benchwork
- 4: Len Kessler – Building Bridges – (Sept)
- 5: Mike Bruner – N- Gauge Review
- 6: Don Bittner – Walk around “Expert”
- 7: Bruce Lutheran – Building Plastic Buildings – (Oct)
- 8: Railroad Basics – He brought it up at the last meeting, but, I forgot your name! (sorry)

I need many more Walk around “Experts” to help answer questions.

I would also like some additional clinics – Basic Electrical wiring, soldering, DCC, Weathering, just to name a few.

Each clinic will be of a length that you want it to be. You will need a diorama showing what you are presenting and be able to answer some basic questions about your topic. You will be able to apply for a reimbursement by the club for up to \$20.00 for supplies for your clinic (see me or Dale Smith for details).

The clinics will form the basis of our September and October Programs. Some people have already requested dates (as noted above, next to their names). Each person will bring their demo for a short 15-20 min review of their presentation.

# A New Concept.

Not everyone can compete in “Bring & Brag” every month for a variety of reasons. But in spite of that fact, there are members of the Division that are involved in modeling

projects that may or may not be in tune with a particular “Bring & Brag” theme on any given month. I happen to be one of those persons. So let me offer an alternative venue for other interested modelers of Division 5. The

original idea was proposed by Wayne Lette and I will start it off this month with one of the many projects that I am presently working on or have recently completed and encourage other modelers to join me in “The Modeler’s Corner”.

All I need is a few pictures and a description of the model that we will be looking at. I hope that this experiment will encourage others to get involved.

*The Editor*

## The Modeler’s Corner.



Every layout that is heavy into the aggregate industry will have a cement plant or two around the layout. I picked the Walthers Cornerstone cement company for my layout. The top three pictures show the finished Model and the bottom three shows where the model will eventually end up on the layout.

It is a medium size building that occupies a 63 sq. in. footprint. It has eight tall silos and a lot of intricate detail on the roof. The towers and the shed go together quite quickly; it is the roof detail that takes the time. I prefer to paint and weather models as I am putting them together. I can’t tell you how many hours it took to complete the model, but who keeps record

of the time when you are doing something that you really enjoy? Three name decals come with the model and I chose “Inland Cement Company.” Everyone has a cement works named “Hoffa” and who wants to look at a head that has snakes for hair (Medusa Cement Company)? This was a fun model to build and it will go well in my Aggregate Operation.

The rail cars that you would probably find around this building would be plenty of covered hoppers with an occasional flatcar or gondola. If you are presently working on a project, take plenty of pictures, write down some information on your project and join me in the Modeler’s Corner.



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

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**June Division 5 Meeting**

June 4th, 2010

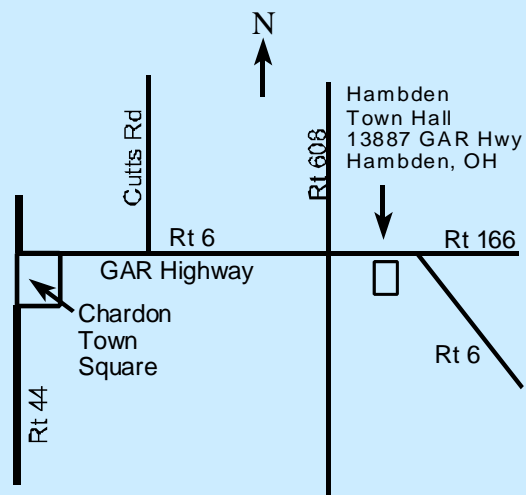
Division 5 monthly meetings normally start at 7:30 PM.

**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:** Rubber City Rails (1950 + 1960's)**Bring & Brag:** "Cabooses"

*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 show it off!*



Map to Hambden Town Hall

**July Trainwire Deadline**  
**June 20th.**

# The Trainwire Newsletter

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