



The Trainwire.



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Superintendent's Message.

Participate!

This will be the theme that best describes what I would like to accomplish in the next few years. Having stepped forward as Superintendent you have ask me to participate as your Division Representative. I now ask you to also take part in the activities that we, as a Division, hold during the year. First off, you will see that Don Bittner has scheduled a picnic get together, this July at Bleil's. Thank you, Don. Come participate and enjoy a day. Don hinted that there is a steam fired spit and ice cream maker. The HO module group has a show coming up (still working on some details) in

Willoughby, in August. See Bruce Lutheran if you want to participate. Still looking for a volunteer for Refreshments, Ron would like a replacement. Thank you Ron. Someone step-up to the plate. Dale Smith has filled the position of Tripmaster Coordinator. Thank you Dale. Looking forward to going somewhere soon. If anybody has a suggestion speak up, whether it is a home layout or a prototype at some location. Looking for someone for Company Store, inventory has been taken and I would like for someone to manage it. Eric Hansmann has accepted the AP Chairman position for Division 5 with Bill Brodie as the Contest Coordinator. Eric will also have a



Mike Buehner – Superintendent
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program for the August meeting. Call for Judges in the future, so when you bring in that rolling stock or structures you can earn merit points. See you at the Picnic in July!!

Mike Buehner

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UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

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

July

No meeting this month.

August 6th, 2010

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: **Achievement Program**
 Bring & Brag: "Flat cars / unique loads"

September 3rd, 2010

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: **Promo Day Clinics** (trestles, scenery)
 Bring & Brag: "Tank cars"

October 1st, 2010

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: **Promo Day Clinics** (plastic models & track laying)
 Bring & Brag: "Coil cars"

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.

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SCHEDULED EVENTS

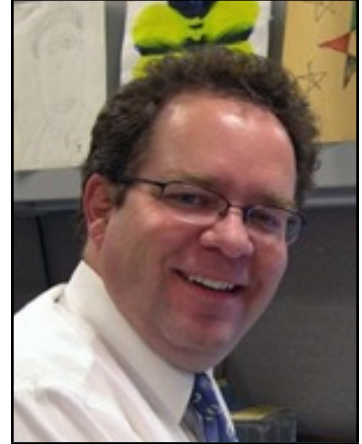
NMRA National Convention 75th Anniversary Milwaukee, Wisconsin	July 11 - 18
L. S. Live Steamers Public Run Penitentiary Glen Reservation (1pm- 3pm) Kirkland, Ohio	July 11
HO Modular Group Farm Park (6:30pm - 8:30pm) Kirtland, Ohio	July 13
Division 5 BOD Meeting Hambden Hall Hambden, Ohio	July 19
Division 5 "Live Steamers Picnic" 9451 Jackson st. (10am - 9pm) Mentor, Ohio Contact Don Bittner by 6/18/10 440-257-7555	July 25
HO Modular Group Farm Park (6:30pm - 8:30pm) Kirtland, Ohio	July 27
Division 5 BOD Meeting Hambden Hall Hambden, Ohio	Aug 16
Last Stop Willoughby Downtown Willoughby Willoughby, Ohio	Aug 21 (10am-5pm)
	Aug 22 (12pm-5pm)

Assist. Superintendent's Message.

Greetings to all Division 5 members. I hope you are enjoying the transition to summer and can find a little time between lawn duties to work on some modeling projects. As your new Assistant Superintendent, I've already been dispatched with a few duties. At the recent MCR convention in Charleston, W. Va., all divisions were encouraged to educate and assist members in understanding the NMRA Achievement Program. I must admit, this is an area that I have little experience as I've not done any paperwork or entered a model in a contest. So I am starting in a similar place as 85% of our membership. The clinic for the August meeting will be a review of

the AP program. We can all learn about the process by following someone through the paperwork and modeling steps. Since I'm leading these efforts, I will be the guinea pig. Through the upcoming year, I hope to show completed work and forms so I can move forward in completing steps for AP certificates. I hope a few of you will also step forward along the way and join me in this journey. You know, I used to roll my eyes at the AP program. I didn't think it was really that important. But as I read through the details, it isn't that difficult. I have the skills and have completed some models that may well qualify. I don't think the AP is all about recognition either. Sure there is a part of that, but I see the Achievement Program

as a tool to help us become even better modelers and NMRA members. Whether we are building models, volunteering our time, or sharing techniques or prototype info through clinics, we are growing individual skills and planting the seeds for others to follow along. Our hobby is like that. The better we become as individuals, the better we can help others along in finding different avenues to enjoy this diverse hobby. Thank you for your support in the recent election. I'm excited about the adventures ahead with the Achievement Program, upcoming Rails of Ages convention, and possibly an NMRA National Convention in our backyard. Come out to a meeting and please bring a recently completed model along for bring



Eric Hansmann – Assistant Superintendent
Division 5
NMRA – Mid Central Region

and brag. Be sure to step up and say hello to the other members. I look forward to meeting you and sharing ideas.

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!

Division 5 Minutes

June 4, 2010 7:30 pm

Superintendent Mike Buehner called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. Approximately 23 members and 8 guests were present.

We need members to step forward to take over the following areas: Refreshments, Tripmaster, Publicity, and Company Store.

We had very low participation for the layout tours that we put on.

The Lake Shore Live Steamers have invited Division 5 to their Hobo Stew Dinner to be held on October 16, 2010.

There will be a number of model railroad displays during the "Last Stop Willoughby" weekend August 21-22 in Willoughby, OH. The HO module group is planning on setting up modules at the event.

We are trying to help members work on their NMRA Achievement Program applications. If you would like help, contact Mike Buehner or Eric Hansmann.

The Division will be purchasing two laptop computers for use by the Treasurer and the Railfest Chairman.

A letter of support was sent to Div. 4 in regards to their bid for the 2014 NMRA National Convention in Cleveland.

Treasurer Bonnie Lette provided a financial report. We are looking for places to invest our savings.

Railfest Chairman Jim Wendorf indicated that we are all set with Lakeland Community College for Railfest 2011. There is a chance that we might get the use of two handball courts for some added space.

Our 2011 convention presentation went well at the 2010 MCR convention in Charleston, WV. Our convention early registration form, advertising flier, call for clinicians, and advertising pen were all included in the 2010 MCR convention registration packet. We have a couple of people already registered.

We had quite a few people from Division 5 attend the 2010 MCR convention (Matt Kross, Dale Smith, Bob Palmer, Bob Callahan, Rich Kacprzak, Tony Spena, Sam Monturi, Alan Arthur, and Eric Hansmann). Those at the meeting shared their experiences.

We have renewed our State Of Ohio incorporation certificate. Bonnie Lette is now listed as our contact person.

The new HO module group that was formed out of the old Division 5 module group is now meeting regularly on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm at Lake Farmpark. They meet in the maintenance shed where the modules are stored. The group is open to anyone. If you are interested in joining, contact Bruce Lutheran 440-257-2105 or Bruce.Lutheran@mcr5.org.

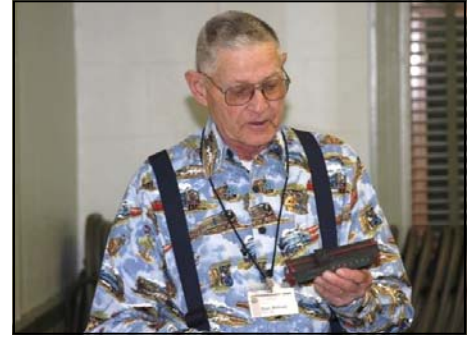
Dave Neff reported on a new type of quick connect module leg that is being developed. He is writing up an article about this. It is based on a pole and bracket that is used for removable bird feeders and is readily available.

Bring & Brag:	Skip Giddings	Chuck Beargie	Tom Carr
	Bill Smith	Don Bittner	Ken Stroebe
	Steve Kaplan	Bill Brodie	

Program: We watched a video called "Rubber City Rails" that had a lot of 1950's to 1960's action in the Akron, Kent, and Ravenna areas of Ohio.

Submitted by
Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

Pictures from the June Meeting.



Next Division 5 Meeting – August 6th, 2010.

Division 5 BOD Minutes

June 21, 2010

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on June 21, 2010 at Hambden Town Hall. Those in attendance were: Mike Buehner, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Don Bittner, Matt Kross, Jim Wendorf, Eric Hansmann, Dale Smith, Bruce Lutheran, and Lenny Kessler.

The audit of the Division 5 financial books through May 31, 2010 has been completed. No problems were found and all accounts balance.

The Division has purchased two laptop computers for use by the Treasurer and the Railfest Chairman. They are two different styles. One cost \$300 and the other \$350. Free Microsoft Office compatible software has been loaded as well as a free anti-virus program. These computers are for Division 5 use only.

A letter was sent to Division 4 from the Division 5 BOD indicating our support for holding the NMRA 2014 National Convention in Cleveland. We understand that Division 4 also received a letter of support from Division 1. Division 4 should know if they won the convention bid shortly after this year's NMRA convention in July. Division 4 sent us a proposal on how to split profits from the convention that would be based on the number of volunteer hours from each division involved.

We are working on completing a survey for the Region regarding the educational resources & needs of our Division.

Lake Metroparks' "Railroads In The Parks" weekend is being moved to the month of June starting in 2011. Andy Baker of Lake Farmpark has invited Division 5 to continue to be a part of this program.

We will revise our Division 5 Display Award form to include information as to what additional items can be added to your display to also qualify you for the NMRA Golden Spike award.

We are again going to offer Division 5 members that are currently receiving a paper copy of the Trainwire an incentive to switch to the electronic version. From now until October 1, 2010, any member that switches from a paper copy to the electronic version will receive a \$5 Division 5 certificate.

The August meeting program will be a focus on the NMRA Achievement Program. Eric Hansmann will review the categories and requirements. He will also begin to show us examples of how he and others have tackled the requirements and filled out their application forms.

Eric Hansmann will now be the AP Coordinator. Bill Brodie will be the Contest Chairman. Dale Smith will be the Tripmaster. We still need members to handle the Company Store, Refreshments, and Publicity.

The current inventory of the Division 5 Company Store was reviewed by the Board. There was some discussion about ways to liquidate our inventory.

Division 5 "Live Steam Picnic" will be held on Sunday, July 25 at the Bleil residence in Mentor from 10 am to dark. Don Bittner will coordinate. Chan Bleil will provide the meat. Div 5 members will need to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert along with their own place settings. Div 5 members that bring a dish to share will receive a \$5 Div 5 certificate. Sign-up will be through July 18.

Promo Day planning and operations were reviewed. We would like each presenter to repeat their demo three times between 10 am and 3 pm. The demo does not have to be continuous and breaks are expected.

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Division 5 BOD Minutes cont...

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A motion was passed to raffle off a free Railfest pass at each Division 5 membership meeting. The passes are meant for members to give to family / friends. Only Division 5 members wearing their Division 5 nametags at the meeting will be eligible for the raffle. The physical passes will not be handed out until the February and March meetings.

It was suggested that the Division consider purchasing a video projector since we are using one more and more. The costs have also come down on them. We will put it as an item in the 2011 budget.

The Touchstone Money Market fund where we had a portion of our Division savings invested has been closed. The money from this fund has been put in our savings account until we decide on where we want to invest it.

Concern was expressed about our falling membership. There was some discussion about what we can do about this.

It was noted that we need to continually have interesting programs at the meetings to attract members and guests to our meetings. Superintendent Mike Buehner indicated his goal is to keep the business portion of the meeting to a half hour max so that people have more time to socialize and so that the program can start sooner. It was suggested that we may want to look at occasionally holding meetings at other locations, on a different day, or at a different time.

Next meeting will be July 19, 2010 at the Hambden Town Hall at 7:30 PM.

75 YEARS OF MODEL RAILROADING PASS BEFORE YOUR EYES.

Well actually it will be your eyes that will be passing 75 years of model railroading as you walk through a very special exhibit at NMRA 75, the National Model Railroad Association convention for 2010. This year's convention will be in celebration of the NMRA's 75th anniversary. As part of that celebration, some of the most prominent manufacturers in model railroading have joined forces to present a special exhibit of historical models from the past 75 years. Walthers will showcase many of the significant models it's introduced down through the years. You'll

also see early offerings from Micro-Trains and PFM. There will be many other historically significant models from other manufactures as well. Items from personal collections, including some from the late Bob Brass will be on display. Plus Kalmbach Publishing Company will give you a rare glimpse into the personal collection of its founder, Al Kalmbach. Experiencing this special exhibit is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that should not to be missed, but then the entire convention is one not to be missed. In addition to the manufacturer's historical exhibit, NMRA 75 will feature a huge array of tours, plus over 160 clinics, with over 120 of

them being brand new this year. Many of these new clinics will be presented by some of the best-known names in model railroading. Names like Jack Burgess, Bruce Chubb, Chuck Hitchcock, Tony Koester, Sam Swanson, Bill Schaumburg, Andy Sperandio, Tony Thompson and Wayne Wesolowski. Add to that the NMRA model contest, silent auction, and other special 75th anniversary events, and you've got a week of model railroading you'll long remember. The National Train Show will bring this memorable week to a fitting conclusion along with a very special 75th Anniversary banquet featuring guest speaker Jim

Hediger. And while you're enjoying the hobby of model railroading, your non-modeling family members will enjoy a full week of tours, events and activities designed just for them. That means attending NMRA 75 this summer makes for an ideal family vacation! Get all the details by visiting our website at www.nmra75.org. You can even register online. And don't forget to tell your non-member model railroading friends about it. Now they can get in on the fun too. So join the party. Celebrate 75 years of model railroading this summer at NMRA '75. You just won't believe your eyes!

EXTRA 2011 WEST NMRA.

The 2011 NMRA Convention in Sacramento is being billed as the “**Unconventional Convention**”, and one of the reasons is that the registration fee is only **\$99!** But, that low \$99 rate will be available only until **September 1, 2010**, at which time it will definitely increase. Register now to take advantage of this low rate at the Convention’s website - www.x2011west.org

EXTRA X2011 WEST
National Model Railroad Association Convention
Sacramento - July 3-9, 2011
Jack Burgess
Publicity Chairman
jack@yosemitevalleyrr.com

SPEND 50 YEARS WITH JIM HEDIGAR AT NMRA 75

This year the NMRA celebrates its 75th Anniversary. Jim Hediger has been a part of the model railroading scene for five of those 7 1/2 decades. Indeed he’s had a hand in shaping quite a bit of that scene during his many years at Model Railroader Magazine. Now Jim will bring those 50-year to life as the featured banquet speaker at NMRA 75, this year’s NMRA national convention, July 11-18. Jim will give banquet guests a light hearted, personal look at the hobby and the many memorable people he’s met since joining the NMRA in 1958. It’s sure to be an evening of model railroading fun you won’t soon forget. Preceded by a week of

model railroading fun you won’t soon forget. NMRA 75 is being held in Milwaukee, the city of the NMRA’s birth. You’ll experience a week filled with clinics, tours and special 75th anniversary features and activities. One tour will even take you to where Jim Hediger works! There’ll be a special exhibit of historically significant models and memorabilia from manufacturers and private collections sponsored by the hobby industry. Plus over 160 clinics, with over 120 of them being brand new this year. Many of these new clinics will be presented by some of the best-known names in model railroading. Names like Jack Burgess, Bruce Chubb, Chuck Hitchcock, Tony Koester, Sam Swanson, Bill

Schaumburg, Andy Sperandeo, Tony Thompson and Wayne Wesolowski. The Railroad Prototype Modelers (RPM) group will also be joining the party with a special exhibit in celebration of their own 25th anniversary. Add to that the NMRA model contest, silent auction, and even more special 75th anniversary events, and you’ve got a week of model railroading you’ll long remember. Don’t forget that while you’re enjoying the hobby, your non-modeling family members will enjoy a full week of tours, events and activities designed just for them. That means attending NMRA 75 this summer makes for an ideal family vacation! The week winds down with the National Train Show featur-

ing special surprises of its own. Then to bring it all to a fitting conclusion, a very special 75th Anniversary banquet featuring speaker Jim Hediger. There are only a few short days left to sign up and the fastest way to do it is by visiting our website at www.nmra75.org. There you can even register online in just minutes. And don’t forget to tell your non-member model railroading friends about it. Now they can get in on the fun too. So join the party. Celebrate 75 years of model railroading this summer at NMRA ’75. And 50 years of model railroading with Jim Hedigar. Sign up now!

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:

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| 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 |
| Basic Trestle Building | – span valleys, gorges or basins - large or small |

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

For Info: Contact **Dale Smith 440-286-4932** or email Promoday@MCR5.org

The Modeler's Corner.

Article by: Lenny Kessler

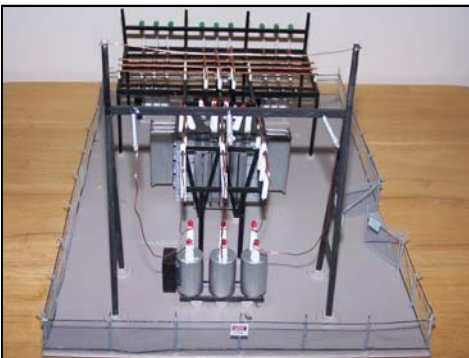


When modeling an industrial and/or an urban setting, you should consider some sort of power plant. There are many such models on the market, but once again, I chose a Walthers Cornerstone structure, the

Northern Light Powerhouse & Substation. These models are two separate kits and were purchased at two separate times. The first two pictures show the finished Power Plant, the next two pictures show the Substation and the last two pictures show where the mod-

els will eventually end up on the layout. The power plant is a medium size building that occupies a 66 sq. in. footprint. It simulated a brick structure complete with smoke stack. Whenever I model a brick structure, I like to paint the brick Mortar joints and I

recommend that to be done before adding the windows and the final assembly. Once detailed, the building can be assembled quickly; the substation on the other hand is way more complicated because of the many tiny pieces that have to be individually assembled.



The finished product occupies a 106.25 sq. in. space on the layout. Time was not an important factor on these two models so I can't tell you how long they took to complete, more often than not I am working on several models at the same time. When the scenery is completed, the plant will be sitting in

the bottom of a small valley near a river bank. It will have its own switcher engine and a couple of 34' hopper cars that will be loaded through an operating conveyor in a dumping station. The dumping station will be serviced from the main yard. This is one of my latest projects. What are you working on? If you

would like your project featured in the **Modeler's Corner** then take plenty of pictures, write down some information on your project and send it to the Trainwire editor by email.

Trainwire@mcr5.org

**August Trainwire Deadline
July 20th.**

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No July Division 5 Meeting**Division 5 "Live Steam Picnic"**

When: Sunday July 25, 2010

Time: 10 am until dark

Where: 9451 Jackson Street, Mentor, OH 44060

Coordinator: Don Bittner 440-257-7555

Sign-Up Deadline: July 18th, 2010

We will have our Division 5 picnic this year at the Bleil residence in Mentor where live steam will be the center of attention. Chan Bleil has graciously agreed to host the picnic for the Division. Chan will provide the meat which will be cooked on a steam driven spit! There is also a rumor of a steam driven ice cream maker! Division 5 members will need to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert along with their own place settings. Div 5 members that bring a dish to share will receive a \$5 Division 5 certificate. We need members to sign-up with Don Bittner so that we have a headcount and can coordinate the side dishes that people are bringing. The picnic is open to Division 5 members and their families. We need you to sign-up by July 18. Call Don at the phone number listed above.

\$5 Certificate For Switching To Electronic Trainwire

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Get the Trainwire in color – the pictures look much better!

More information – the electronic version of the Trainwire often has more pages than the printed version. The extra pages contain train show fliers, event notices, and miscellaneous blurbs from the NMRA national office.

Get it sooner – the electronic version of the Trainwire is usually available a week before the paper copies are received by members.

Easier to read – there isn't any smudging of the print and you can enlarge it to whatever size you want on your computer screen.

Easier to store – just save it on your computer hard disk instead of in your filing cabinet.

Save the Division some money. It costs approximately \$1 per paper copy when you add up the postage, copying, paper, labels, processing, etc.

Save a tree – there isn't a need for you to actually print the Trainwire since you can read it on your computer. If you really want a paper copy, you can always print it out yourself. You can also just print the page you want.

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