



# The Trainwire.



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## Superintendent's Message.

Hello fellow members,

By the time you are reading this we will have had the Live Steam Picnic hosted by Chan Bleil. I hope you were able to participate and socialize. Thank Don Bittner for organizing the event.

If anyone within this division has comments or concerns feel free to direct inquiries to me. If you have an idea to better our experience as a member, to enjoy our hobby, let me know what you think. This is your Division and you have the right to enjoy your benefits. What would you like to do that we currently are not doing?

I am happy to inform you all that Division 4 has won

their bid to host the 2014 National Convention, We have pledged our support along with Division 1 in helping with their endeavor. With our Regional Convention "Rails of Ages" happening next year we will have a head start for helping with National. I for one am looking forward to this event in our own backyard. Look information in the near future.

This is a little late in coming but the Division would like to send out our sincere condolences to Bob Freiden for the loss of his wife. I know that my wife supports me in my hobby and I believe that Bob's wife supported him in his. Again we are sorry for your loss.



Mike Buehner – Superintendent  
 Division 5  
 NMRA – Mid Central Region

- 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.

### 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" & track laying)

### October 1st, 2010

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

**The Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum**  
**7230 Justin Way**  
 Mentor, Ohio 44060

### Summer Hours

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00 AM - 5:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Noon - 5:00 PM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

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

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

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

<b>HO Modular Group</b> Farm Park (6:30pm - 8:30pm) Kirtland, Ohio	<b>Aug 10 &amp; 24</b>
<b>L. S. Live Steamers Public Run</b> Penitentiary Glen Reservation Kirkland, Ohio	<b>Aug 15</b> (1pm- 3pm)
<b>Division 5 BOD Meeting</b> Hambden Hall Hambden, Ohio	<b>Aug 16</b> (7:30pm)
<b>Last Stop Willoughby</b> Downtown Willoughby Willoughby, Ohio	<b>Aug 21</b> (10am-5pm) <b>Aug 22</b> (12pm-5pm)
<b>L. S. Live Steamers Public Run</b> Penitentiary Glen Reservation Kirkland, Ohio	<b>Aug 22</b> (1pm- 3pm)
<b>'N' Scale Weekend</b> Procure Sports Flex Bedford, Pa.	<b>Aug 28 &amp; 29</b>
<b>WRMRRM Train Show</b> 7230 Justin Way Mentor, Ohio	<b>Sept 25 &amp; 26</b> (10 am - 6 pm)
<b>Carnival '10</b> Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds Berea, Ohio	<b>Oct 2</b> (10am - 5pm) <b>Oct 3</b> (11am - 4pm)

# Assist. Superintendent's Message.

I hope everyone has been enjoying the summer season. I've been enjoying several bicycle rides, fresh farm produce, several home improvements, and some model railroading. I'll get into those last details towards the end of the column.

Our division activity is heating up for the second half of the year as our upcoming meetings are loaded with presentations. The August meeting will have a special presentation. Cleveland has been chosen to host the 2014 NMRA National convention and train show, so we will view the original presentation that was made for the bid process. I will have an overview of the NMRA Achievement Program and start to map out the steps I

need to follow for certificates. Many of our members are probably a few steps along on several certificates, so this will be a great opportunity to share ideas and plot our individual courses. The September and October meetings will feature short reviews of Promo Day clinics at each meeting. Keep an eye on the *Trainwire* for specific details. Lastly, our regional convention details are coming together. The committee is looking forward to sharing updates soon.

I've received a number of questions about my modeling plans and am happy to announce benchwork progress. My space is limited to an 11x12 foot spare bedroom but I've found a great prototype in nearby Newburgh that will

fit. I post regular updates to my blog at <http://designbuild-dop.hansmanns.org/> but there are no posted benchwork images yet. A recent day spent researching at a local library unearthed some great Wheeling & Lake Erie and Newburgh & South Shore images and maps that will push the layout along. Much of what I plan to build will also be used towards goals with the Achievement Program, so you will be hearing more about the layout projects.

If you have something fresh from the workbench, please bring it to the August meeting. Your recent weathering or detailing jobs, kitbashes, or scratchbuilt projects would be a fine addition to the next meeting. Let's see what new



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

modeling projects have sprouted this summer!

We'll see you at the August meeting.

## NMRA Division 3 Dayton Train Show

Nov 6 & 7, 2010 10:00 to 5:00 \$6.00 Adults

Hara Arena 1001 Shilo Springs Rd. Dayton, Oh 45415

<http://www.daytontrainshow.com>

The Ballarena will feature a large number of operation layouts in a wide variety of scaled from the tiniest 'Z' scale to the glorious large-scale garden layouts. A numbers of groups from around the country combine to build a large 'N' scale modular layout. In addition there will be demonstrations by some of the best modelers in the nation. They will be displaying their skills and will be available for questions and advice. For a little hands-on experience, there will be many clinics by local modelers.

Over 350 tables are available on the dealer floor. Our participating dealers come from all over the eastern US and make a wide variety of merchandise, including both models and toy trains and railroad memorabilia. Vendors providing custom modeling services, such as painting and decaling are in attendance.

# Division 5 BOD Minutes

July 19, 2010

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on July 19, 2010 at 7:30 pm in the Hambden Town Hall. Those in attendance were: Mike Buehner, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Don Bittner, Matt Kross, Eric Hansmann, Dale Smith, Bruce Lutheran, and Lenny Kessler.

The Lake Metroparks' "**Railroads In The Parks**" weekend will be June 4-5, 2011. Layout setup will be during the afternoon and evening of June 3.

**Division 4** won their bid to hold the **NMRA 2014 National Convention** in Cleveland. Division 4 will be bringing their presentation to a Division 5 meeting for us to see.

We are having difficulties getting our new bank accounts set up the way we need them. We are currently waiting on the bank to resolve several issues. We are considering moving our accounts to a different bank.

**Don Bittner** reported that we have about 25 people signed up for the Division 5 Live Steam Picnic. A motion was passed to donate \$200 to Chan Bliel to cover his costs and thank him for hosting the event.

**The HO Modular Group** will not be setting up at the **Last Stop Willoughby event**. The city never provided the information we requested and did not indicate that they would pay for transportation costs.

The **Division 5 Convention Committee** will hold its next meeting on Saturday, August 7, at 1:00 pm at Dale Smith's house. We have received several more early registrations. We have about \$1,000 of income and currently owe approximately \$800. We have a number of leads for clinicians. Dale Smith attended the National Train Show in Milwaukee and talked to a number of manufacturers about donating raffle items and door prizes.

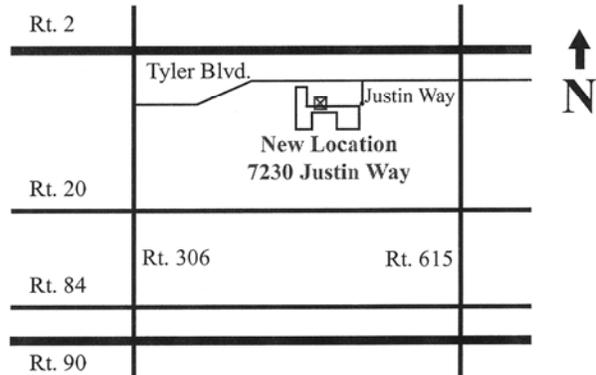
No new information on **Promo Day 2010**. Promo Day clinicians will provide short summaries of their presentations at the September and October Division 5 meetings.

Next meeting will be August 16, 2010 at the Hambden Town Hall at 7:30 PM.



7230 Justin Way  
Mentor, Ohio 44060

# ALL SCALE TRAIN SHOW 2010 SCHEDULE



**Sat Sept 25th - 10am to 6pm**  
**Sun Sept 26th - 10am to 6pm**  
**Sat Dec 4th - 10am to 6pm**  
**Sun Dec 5th - 10am to 6pm**

**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:**

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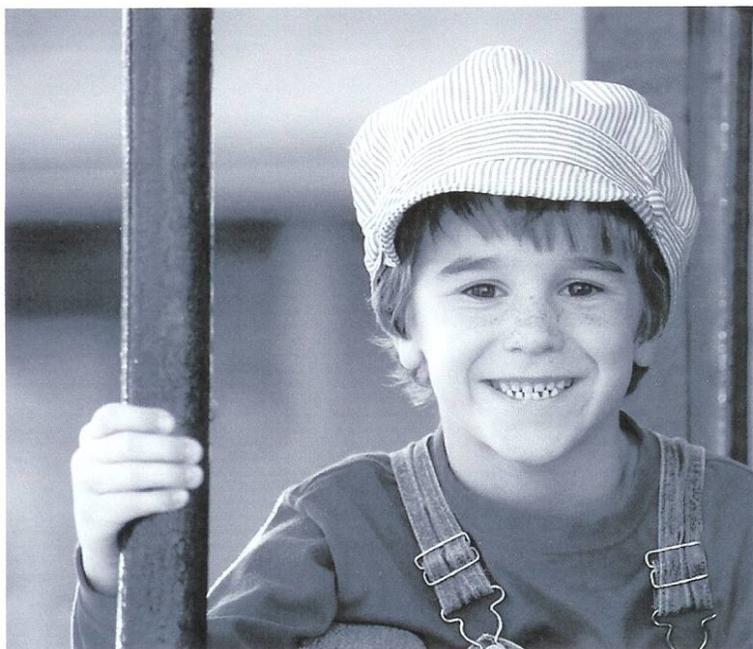


# Carnival '10

Saturday, October 2, 2010  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 3, 2010  
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS – BEREA, OHIO



- Free Parking
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- Over 300 Dealer Tables
- Operating Displays
- Great Food
- Handicap Accessible
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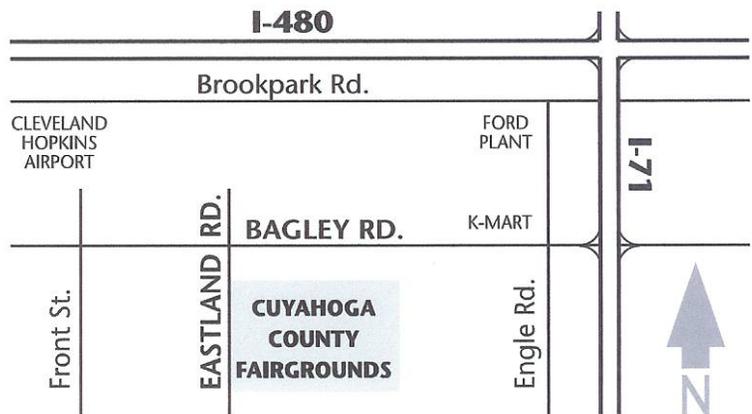
Admission \$6.00  
Under 16 Free with Adult  
Special 2-Day Pass \$9.00

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Mid-Central Region  
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**OUR 37<sup>TH</sup> YEAR!**

Mid-Central Region, Division 5  
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# 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                     |
| 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](http://www.MCR5.org)

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

# The Modeler's Corner.



Every city needs food. So where there is a city, somewhere on the outskirts of that city you will find a packing plant. The Walthers Champion Packing Company is an excellent model for just such a setting. It is a large multi-story

building with an elevated cattle chute on the back of the building that wraps around a separate boiler house. The model also comes with a large smoke stack. The two buildings, smoke stack and cattle chute occupy 123 square inches. The packing house models were fairly

simple to assemble and detail, but the cattle chute wrapped too tightly around the boiler house and I had to put in a little extension so that trucks could access the large doors on the side that would have been blocked by the chute. The stockyard by Walthers on the other hand, contained

numerous parts, too many to count. The plans were just an exploded view of the model, a scratch builder's delight. The model covers an additional 104 square inch foot print. If you do the math, you can see that your layout will need at least 227 square inches to accommodate this model.



The four pictures above show the finished Model. The first two are the four story building (front and back). The third picture is the boiler house and the fourth picture is the stockyard. The stockyard is comprised of two pens with loading chutes that align with 40' cattle cars. In addition to the two railroad chutes, there is a loading and

unloading chute to accommodate trucks. There is also a lean-to for shelter or feeding. The bottom three pictures show where the models will eventually end up on the layout. There are plenty of intricate details on both roofs. The stockyard has many working gates and I covered the base with sawdust. Once again I painted and weathered both models as I assembled

them. Once again, I can't tell you how many hours were spent on these two models but that's the difference between a modeler and a time keeper. This too was a fun model to build and it will be an interesting industry on my layout. The rail cars that you would probably find around this building would be plenty of cattle cars and refrigerator cars with an occasional flatcar

or gondola. 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.

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## August Division 5 Meeting

### August 6th, 2010

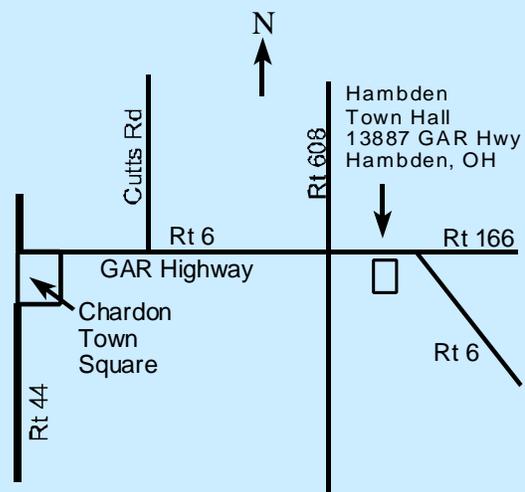
Division 5 monthly meetings normally start at 7:30 PM.

**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:** Achievement Program**Bring & Brag:** "Flat cars / unique loads"

*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

## September Trainwire Deadline

### August 20th.

# The Trainwire Newsletter

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