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## The Western Reserve Division

Division 5- Mid Central Region - National Model Railroad Association

### January Division 5 Meeting

Date / Time: Friday, Jan 7, 2010 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: Entering Your Model In  
An NMRA Contest

Bring & Brag Theme: Automobile Carriers

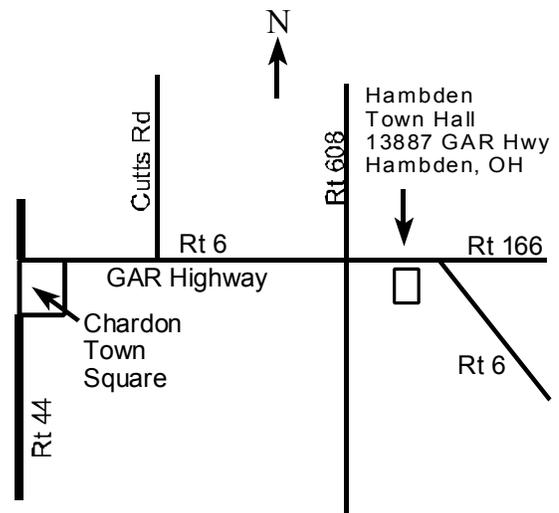
**Reminder: Bring & Brag entries DO NOT have to adhere to the Bring & Brag theme for the evening. The themes are meant to add some variety to the types of model work shown and to encourage members to work on something they may not have tried otherwise. The themes are not meant to discourage you from bringing in other model work that you have completed in the last 6 months. By all means, bring it in and show it off!**



## Our convention is only 4 months away!

The Winter MCR Kingpin, coming out in January, will contain all the tour and event details for the convention for Mid Central Region members to begin signing up.

We only have 11 Div 5 members that have committed to providing at least 8 hours of help at the convention. Most of these volunteers are convention committee members. We need the rest of Division 5 to help! We are running the convention as a self-supporting event, so we must cover all the costs from our registrations. You must be registered to attend and work at the convention. We are asking Div 5 members to pay \$20 to help cover some of the basics. There is a special Div 5 Volunteer Registration form on the Div 5 website and available at the monthly meetings.



Map to Hambden Town Hall

# UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS



## January 7

Location: Hambden Town Hall  
 Program: Entering Your Model In An NMRA Contest  
 Bring & Brag: Automobile Carriers

## February 4

Location: Hambden Town Hall  
 Program: ???  
 Bring & Brag: ???

## March 4

Location: Hambden Town Hall  
 Program: ???  
 Bring & Brag: ???

## April 1

Location: Hambden Town Hall  
 Program: Rails Of Ages Convention Operations  
 Bring & Brag: ???

### The Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum

7230 Justin Way  
 Mentor, Ohio 44060  
 440-251-0350 [info@wrmm.org](mailto:info@wrmm.org)

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#### Fall-Winter-Spring Hours

Monday thru Thursday 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
 Friday - Closed  
 Saturdays 10 am to 5 pm  
 Sundays Noon to 5 pm

# SCHEDULES



**Western PA Model RR Museum Nov 13 to 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Train Display Jan 23**  
 Gibsonia, PA  
[www.wpmrm.org](http://www.wpmrm.org)

**Div 5 BOD Meeting Jan 17**  
 Hambden Town Hall – 7:30 pm

**N Modular Layout At Winterfest Feb 5-6**  
 The Lodge At Geneva-on-the-Lake  
 Geneva, OH

**Div 5 BOD Meeting Feb 21**  
 Hambden Town Hall – 7:30 pm

**Div 5 Railfest 2011 Mar 19-20**  
 Lakeland Community College  
[www.mcr5.org/NMRA/railfest.htm](http://www.mcr5.org/NMRA/railfest.htm)

**Live Steamers Public Run Apr 17**  
 Lake Metroparks - Penitentiary Glen  
 1 pm – 3 pm

**Rails Of Ages Convention Apr 28 – May 1**  
 Geneva-on-the-Lake, OH  
[www.RailsOfAges.org](http://www.RailsOfAges.org)

**Live Steamers Public Run May 22**  
 Lake Metroparks - Penitentiary Glen  
 1 pm – 3 pm

**Railroads In The Parks Jun 4-5**  
 Lake Metroparks  
 Modular layouts at Lake Farmpark

**Live Steamers Public Run Jun 5**  
 Lake Metroparks - Penitentiary Glen  
 1 pm – 3 pm

**2011 NMRA National Convention Jul 3-9**  
 Extra 2011 West  
 Sacramento, CA  
[www.x2011west.org](http://www.x2011west.org)

**February Trainwire Deadline Jan 19**

# NMRA News

## Dean Freytag 1924 – 2010

Steel mill modeling guru and ardent supporter of the NMRA, Dean Freytag – Master Model Railroader, of Ashland, Ohio, died Christmas day. Funeral services were held December 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be a memorial service in Ashland towards the end of January.

Dean was a Life member of the NMRA. He served as the National Contest Chairman for many years. He authored the books "The Cyclopedia Of Industrial Modeling" and "The History, Making, & Modeling of Steel". He published a large number of "how-to" articles in the model railroad press over the last 50 years, with over 50 articles in Model Railroader alone. He was a proponent of working with styrene and Plastruct shapes. He was featured in an instructional video about styrene. He had a knack for looking at ordinary household items, such as bottles and caps, and transforming them into realistic items for his models.

Dean was instrumental in getting Walthers to come out with their line of steel mill buildings and accessories. Steel operations dominated Dean's 13' x 28' HO layout, the South Ridge Lines. The NMRA put out a gondola in honor of Dean's Davies Steel company.

Dean came to a number of Division 5 meetings and at least one Christmas party to put on modeling clinics for us.

His knowledge, modeling skills, and promotion of the NMRA will be missed. Rest In Peace Dean.

**Division 5 Membership  
as of December 1, 2010**

**88**

## Team Track

[www.MCR5.org](http://www.MCR5.org)

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## Div 5 Holiday Party Wrap-up

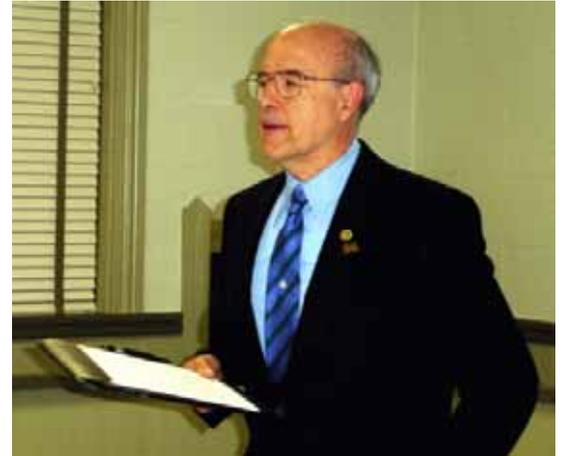
We had about 50 people attend our Division 5 Holiday Party on Friday, December 3. A good time was had by all. We enjoyed a buffet dinner provided once again by Carl.

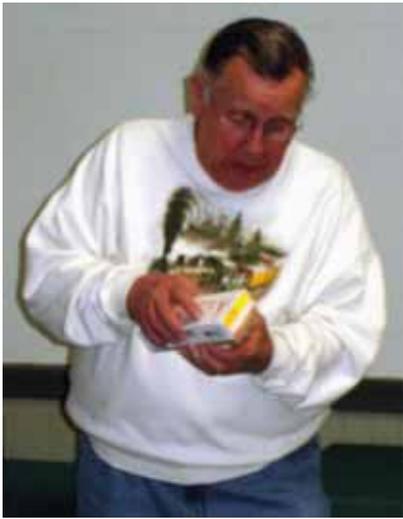
Frank Bongiovanni presented a shortened version of his model railroad estate planning clinic. He provided a handout that summarized the things we need to do AHEAD OF TIME so that our spouse or family know what we have, it's value, and what we would like done with our collection once we are gone.

Bill Berger showed some great pictures of his railfanning in Australia and the British Isles. Bill had a lot of unique shots of the way railroading is and was in other parts of the world.

The Loser Raffle winners were picked and are posted elsewhere in this Trainwire.

The Chinese Gift Exchange only had about a dozen participants, but it still turned out to be a good time. Tom Carr ended up being the one this year that kept getting his gift taken away from him. Tom took it in stride and everyone had a good time.





**More  
Div 5 Holiday Party  
Pictures**  
by Ken Stroebel



## Holiday Party Losers Raffle Winners

Bruce Lutheran was the Grand Prize winner of the 2010 Losers Raffle. Here is the complete list of the lucky winners of our Losers Raffle:

Bruce Lutheran  
Skip Giddings  
Don Thomas  
Bill Smith  
Ron Sieloff  
Doug Riedel  
Matt Kross

Bill Brodie  
Spencer Coghlan  
Ron Biddell  
Jim Davidson, Jr.  
Chuck Limbert  
Bill Berger

Bonnie Lette  
Rich Kacprzak  
Rob Bowers, Jr.  
Ken Stroebel  
Dave Neff  
Sam Monturi

If you are one of the winners listed above and haven't received your award certificate, contact Bonnie Lette.

## Div 5 Apparel Available From "Say It With Thread"

Division 5's shirts, hats, jackets, etc., are made by

Say It With Thread Embroidery in Wickliffe, Ohio  
Karen Erickson  
(440) 347-0938  
[www.sayitwiththread.net](http://www.sayitwiththread.net)

You can call Karen directly and discuss what you would like to order. She can do single pieces or large lots. You can select from any items she has available in her catalogs.



## Lake Shore Live Steamers 2011 Run Dates

The Lake Shore Live Steamers have published their schedule for 2011. The following public runs will be held at their Lake Metroparks – Penitentiary Glenn Reservation location:

Sun Apr 17: 1pm – 3pm  
Sun May 1: 1pm – 3pm  
Sun May 22: 1pm – 3pm  
Sun Jun 5: 1pm – 3pm  
Sun Jul 10: 1pm – 3pm  
Sun Jul 31: 1pm – 3pm

Sat Aug 13: 8pm – 10pm  
Sun Aug 14: 1pm – 3pm  
Sun Aug 28: 1pm – 3pm  
Sun Sep 11: 1pm – 3pm  
Sun Sep 25: 1pm – 3pm  
Sun Oct 16: 1pm – 3pm

Fri Oct 21: 5:30-9:30pm  
Sat Oct 22: 5:30-9:30pm  
Sat Dec 10: 1pm – 3pm

Open Meet: Thur Jun 16 – Sun Jun 19 – all day

Hobo Stew Dinner: Sat Oct 15 – running during the day, dinner at 5 pm

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# Railfest 2011

**Sat & Sun March 19th & 20th**

10am to 4pm

Model Railroad Show and Flea Market

## Operating Layouts

**N Scale Layouts**  
(Regional N-Trak)

**HO Scale Layout**  
(NMRA)

**S Scale &  
American Flyer**  
(Cuyahoga Valley S Gauges)

**Lionel O Gauge  
LGB G Gauge**

**Live Steam Display**  
(Lake Shore Live Steamers)

## Features

Dealers

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Train Ride Info

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**Family (max) \$12.00**

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# ***Rails Of Ages***



2011 Mid Central Region Convention  
Hosted by Division 5 – *The Western Reserve Division*  
Celebrating 50 Years Of Railroading  
April 28 – May 1, 2011      [www.RailsOfAges.org](http://www.RailsOfAges.org)

The convention planning is winding down and we are getting ready for the actual convention in a few short months. Here is what we have put together so far:

- We have 26 different one hour clinics scheduled, four 15 minute clinics, plus times set aside for Bring & Brag presentations.
- There are 7 different prototype/industrial tours and six non-rail tours/events.
- 21 layout owners have agreed to have their layouts open for our self-guided layout tours. Several of these layouts will be open for operating sessions on Thursday evening.
- Our banquet speaker will be Rick Rowlands, president of the Youngstown Steel Heritage Foundation that collects and preserves historical elements of the region's steel industry.
- There will be a silent auction, contest room, model display area, company store, and hopefully at least one operating layout at the convention hotel.

We will be trying to add more tours, layouts, clinics, and events up until the time the convention actually starts. If you know of something we can add, let us know, or better yet, volunteer to coordinate the activity.

We have at least 22 early registrations so far with an additional 15 family members signed-up. We expect registrations to pick-up as soon as the convention information packet is received in January by all the Mid Central Region members.

The Early Registration fee of \$45 expires at the end of January at which time the Standard Registration fee of \$60 kicks in. The Division 5 Member Volunteer Registration fee of \$20 will stay the same up to the time of the convention.

**Note: You MUST be registered (Volunteer or Regular) to attend the convention activities.**

**There is a special Div 5 Volunteer Registration form on the Div 5 website and available at the monthly meetings. Your registration now helps us know who will be helping, allows us to plan ahead, and your \$20 registration fee provides us with some funds to purchase the supplies we need to put on the convention.**

## Div 5 BOD Meeting Notes

There was no Division 5 BOD meeting held in December 2010.

The next Div 5 BOD meeting will be in January 2011.

**Next Division 5 BOD Meeting**  
**January 17, 2011 - 7:30 PM**  
(Third Monday of every month)  
Hambden Town Hall  
Chardon, OH

## Division 5 Meeting Minutes

There was no Division 5 membership meeting in December.

## 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

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### In Color, Crisper, Faster, and saves the Division money

If you have internet access, the Division 5 Trainwire is available in electronic form at the Division 5 website: [www.mcr5.org](http://www.mcr5.org). It is in Adobe Acrobat format. The pictures are crisp and clear as well as being in color. If you are willing to accept your copy of the Trainwire in electronic form, please send an e-mail to the Trainwire Editor at [Trainwire@mcr5.org](mailto:Trainwire@mcr5.org) and let us know so that we can stop sending the paper copy to you. You will be notified via e-mail each month informing you when the new issue of the Trainwire has been loaded on the website.

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



Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys  
HobbyTown USA  
Train Specialty Company  
Village Train Shop  
Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters

- Willoughby, OH  
- Mentor, OH  
- Chardon, OH  
- Perry, OH  
- Geneva, OH



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## First Class Mail

**Div 5 Holiday Party Review, Lake Shore Live Steamers  
2011 Public Runs, Losers Raffle results, Rails Of Ages  
Convention planning status**

### The Trainwire



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