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The Western Reserve Division

Division 5- Mid Central Region - National Model Railroad Association

Convention Only Weeks Away!

We have over 175 people signed up for the convention so far. Come on out and be a part of the fun!

- ❖ Over 30 clinics
- ❖ 8 Industrial / Prototype Tours
- ❖ 5 Non-Rail Tours
- ❖ 26 layouts open
- ❖ Silent Auction
- ❖ Live Auction
- ❖ Judged NMRA Contest
- ❖ Model Display Area
- ❖ Raffle / Door Prizes

Check out the convention website for all the details: www.RailsOfAges.org

Note: the Volunteer registration form is on the Div 5 website, not the convention website.

Cookies and Snacks Needed

We need about 50 dozen small cookies and similar snacks for our Hospitality Room at the convention. We are asking Div 5 members to help us supply these items. A Cookie Sign-Up Sheet will be at the April meeting. If you are able to provide one or more dozen cookies or snack items, please let us know.

Lenny Back Next Month

Regular Trainwire Editor Lenny Kessler thinks he should be able to return to doing the Trainwire starting with next month's issue. Welcome back Lenny!

April Division 5 Meeting

Date / Time: Friday, Apr 1, 2011 at 7:30 PM

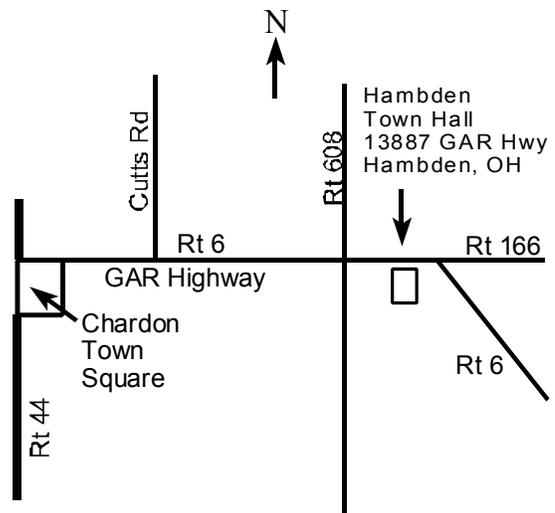
Location: Hambden Town Hall
13887 GAR Highway (Route 6)
Chardon, Ohio

(Located on Rt. 6 between the intersection of Rt. 608 and Rt. 166 next to Hambden Elementary School east of Chardon.)

Program: Making Trees – Lou Dreher

Bring & Brag Theme: Trees & Shrubbery

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

Super's Corner



Mike Buehner
Division 5 Superintendent

Winter has, or is, winding down, and Railfest 2011 is behind us. We are still a very busy Division. I am very much looking forward to the upcoming convention (my first) and finally having a normal work schedule. For all the Division members that supported our Railfest, your effort, time, and commitment are greatly appreciated. We still need that same effort for the Regional convention this month. Matt Kross and Dale Smith are in need of such volunteers.

We added some new and former members to the Division 5 roster in the past month or so, and have lost a friend, Bill Brodie. Bill was an accomplished modeler who knew much of the local railroad history. He would give you the raised eyebrow look when you ribbed him. He will be missed. Our newest members are Bruce Baron, Gregory Saleck, Lou Dreher, "Re-Railer" Charlie Tidd, Bob Gittinger, and "Re-Railer" Terry Kolenc. Welcome! National calls a former member that rejoins a Re-Railer if it has been 24 months or more since they were members. If you see or visit any of our new members, welcome them and share some stories. New member packets will be heading their way shortly.

To all, have a great convention!

Mike



Mike has trains running on his Grand River Railroad (GRRT) in preparation for the upcoming convention.

Welcome New Members

Lou Dreher	Mentor, OH
Bruce Baron	Munson Twp, OH
Greg Saleck	Chardon, OH
Charlie Tidd	Eastlake, OH
Bob Gittinger	Wickliffe, OH
Terry Kolenc	Mentor, OH

**Division 5
Membership
as of March 25, 2011**

92

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

Off the Mainline ...



By Eric Hansmann
Division 5 Assistant Superintendent

At the last couple of meetings, I've encouraged members to ask a question of the group. This question concerns a problem that keeps the questioner from moving forward with a model project or their model railroad. It was great to hear a variety of solid suggestions from those in the crowd. We all get to this point in a project. Even if we have been in this hobby for decades, there is always something new to learn. This is one aspect of the hobby I enjoy. Learning opens the doors to new techniques, skills, or information to use on my own projects or to assist others. We probably have over 500 years of model railroading experience among our members at each monthly meeting. Asking your question taps into this knowledge database and helps you move forward in your modeling efforts. So bring a question to the next meeting. We'll try to cover at least one and if there's some time, we'll take one or two more.

Looking ahead, we have the regional convention looming on the calendar. I've spoken to quite a few people from outside our division and they are looking forward to our event. Volunteers are always needed. Get in touch with Matt Kross or Dale Smith so we can get you on board. Your volunteer efforts can be counted towards the Achievement Program, too. Matt and Dale will review the convention at the April meeting and we will get an early review of the recent Railfest train show event.

Also ahead are some interesting Bring and Brag categories with a focus on Trees & Shrubbery at the April meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing different techniques on modeling these important scenic elements. Remember, Bring and Brag isn't restricted to the monthly focus. Any recently completed model can be shared and discussed. Your construction or finishing techniques are key points to share with the rest of the group.

I have a couple of interesting clinics almost ready for the schedule but there is room for more. If you have a technique to share or details on an industry or railroad, please contact me so I can coordinate your presentation needs and schedule you for an upcoming meeting. Presentations can be 15 to 45 minutes long. Stop me at the next meeting, drop me an email, or give me a call. My phone and email info are found under the Team Track area of this Trainwire.

I'm looking forward to the upcoming months and will see you at our next meeting.

Railfest Raffle Winners

The following people were the raffle prize winners at this year's Railfest:

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| MTH O Trainset | - Patricia Kosmowski
Attica, NY |
| O Flatcar | - Jerry Graves
East Springfield, PA |
| HO Trainset | - Harold Mickley
Garfield Heights, OH |
| N Trainset | - Ed Hach |

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS



April 1

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: Making Trees by Lou Dreher and Rails Of Ages Convention Operations
 Bring & Brag: Trees and Shrubbery

May 6

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

Jun 3

Location: Lake Farmpark
 Kirtland, OH
 Program: Modular layout setup for Railroads In The Parks
 Bring & Brag: Signage

Jul 1

NO MEETING

The Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum

7230 Justin Way
 Mentor, Ohio 44060
 440-251-0350 info@wrmmrm.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



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

Div 5 BOD Meeting **Apr 18**
 Hambden Town Hall - 7:30 pm

Rails Of Ages Convention **Apr 28 - May 1**
 Geneva-on-the-Lake, OH
www.RailsOfAges.org

Ohio N-Scale Weekend **May 13 - 15**
 Franklin County Fairgrounds
 Hilliard, OH
www.centralohiontrak.org

Div 5 BOD Meeting **May 16**
 Hambden Town Hall - 7:30 pm

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

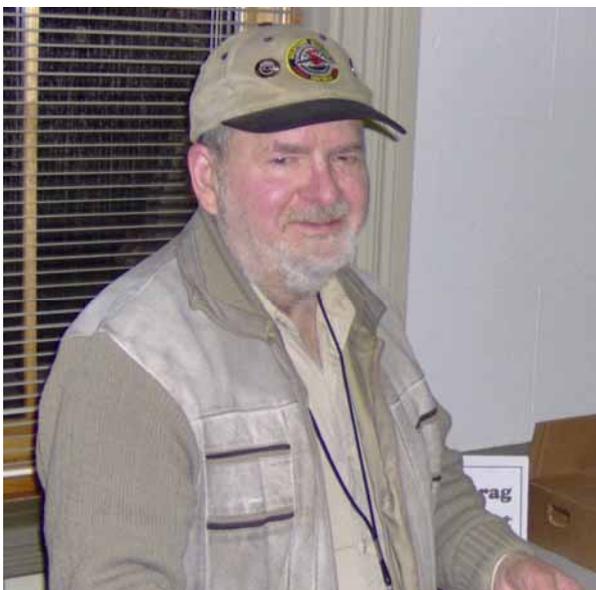
May Trainwire Deadline Apr 20

Bill Brodie Memorial Service Held

Long time Division 5 member Bill Brodie died at his home on March 1, 2011 at the age of 75. A memorial service for Bill was held on March 24, 2011. He was a fixture at Division 5 meetings, running the Bring & Brag program and AP for many years. Bill was an NMRA Life Member, joining in 1965.

Bill held a master's degree in Industrial Engineering from Case Western Reserve University. He worked at Cleveland Range for many years. He was a veteran, serving in the U.S. Army in Vietnam.

He is survived by a nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.



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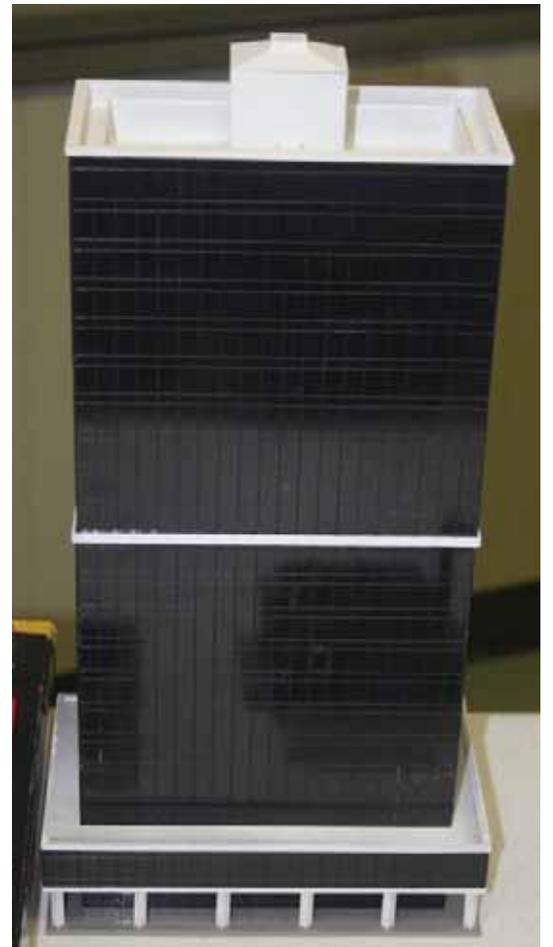
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March Meeting Pictures



Photos by
Ron Sieloff



More March Meeting Pictures



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Life Is Like A Train Ride

(In light of the number of members Division 5 has lost over the last couple of years, one of our members passed the following on as a tribute to them. It has been circulating the web since 2005. The author is unknown.)

Life is like a train ride. We get on. We ride. We get off. We get back on and ride some more. There are accidents and there are delays. At certain stops there are surprises. Some of these will translate into great moments of joy, some will result in profound sorrow.

When we are born and we first board the train, we meet people whom we think will be with us for the entire journey. Sadly, this is far from the truth.

Our parents are with us for as long as we absolutely need them. They too have journeys they must complete. We live on with the memories of their love, affection, friendship, guidance and their ever presence.

There are others who board the train and who eventually become very important to us, in turn. These people are our brothers, sisters, friends and acquaintances, whom we will learn to love, and cherish.

Some people consider their journey like a jaunty tour. They will just go merrily along. Others, will encounter many upsets, tears, losses on their journey. Others still, will linger on to offer a helping hand to anyone in need.

Some people on the train will leave an everlasting impression when they get off. Some will get on and get off the train so quickly, they will scarcely leave a sign that they ever traveled along with you or ever crossed your path.

We will sometimes be upset that some passengers whom we love, will choose to sit in another compartment and leave us to travel on our own. Then again, there's nothing that

says we can't seek them out anyway. Nevertheless, once sought out and found, we may not even be able to sit next to them because that seat will already be taken. That's okay... everyone's journey will be filled with hopes, dreams, challenges, setbacks and goodbyes. We must strive to make the best of it... no matter what.

We must constantly strive to understand our travel companions and look for the best in everyone. Remember that at any moment during our journey, any one of our travel companions can have a weak moment and be in need of our help. We too may vacillate or hesitate, even trip... hopefully we can count on someone being there to be supportive and understanding.

The bigger mystery of our journey is that we don't know when our last stop will come. Neither do we know when our travel companions will make their last stop... not even those sitting in the seat next to us.

Personally, I know I'll be sad to make my final stop... I'm sure of it!

My separation from all those friends and acquaintances I made during the train ride will be painful. Leaving all those I'm close to will be a sad thing. But then again, I'm certain that one day I'll get to the main station only to meet up with everyone else. They'll all be carrying their baggage... most of which they didn't have when they first got on this train. I'll be glad to see them again. I'll also be glad to have contributed to their baggage... and to have enriched their lives, just as much as they will have contributed to my baggage and enriched my life.

We're all on this train ride together. Above all, we should all try to strive to make the ride as pleasant and memorable as we can, right up until we each make the final stop and leave the train for the last time.

For all of you, NOW you are part of my train, so I am wishing you a NICE JOURNEY!

Div 5 BOD Meeting Minutes

Next Division 5 BOD Meeting
April 18, 2011 - 7:30 PM
(Third Monday of every month)
Hambden Town Hall
Chardon, OH

No Div 5 BOD meeting was held in March 2011.

Division 5 Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2011

Assistant Superintendent Eric Hansmann called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. There were 25 members and 4 guests present.

- It was announced that Division 5 member Bill Brodie passed away recently. No details were available regarding services.
- Railfest Chairman Jim Wendorf had a sign-up sheet for Railfest jobs. We have about 10 tables left. This year we are trying a TV promo ad that will start on March 12 on several local Time Warner Cable channels.
- Rails Of Ages Convention Co-chair Matt Kross gave an update on the convention planning. Registration is up to 162 people. We still have some openings for more clinics, both Mainline and Shortline. 72 of the 105 rooms at the hotel have been reserved so far and the hotel is quite happy. We need Div 5 members to provide cookies and other small snacks for the convention Hospitality Room. There is a sign-up sheet for this.
- Eric Hansmann said he would have NMRA contest entry forms available at the April meeting for anyone wanting them.
- Division 4 is having some layout tours on March 13.
- Bring & Brag: Theme was "Offline Structures"

Matt Kross	Rich Kacprzak	Ken Stroebel
Bill Berger	Dave Neff	Bill Smith
- Program: Bruce Lutheran gave a presentation on his trip to the Big South Fork Scenic Railway situated in the Daniel Boone National Forest in Kentucky. One of the features of his train ride was a stop at the Blue Heron Mine of the Stearns Company in Stearns, KY.
- Dave Barnes won the nametag drawing for the evening.
- It was announced that we need ideas and volunteers for meeting programs.
- Treasurer Bonnie Lette provided a summary of our financial accounts. All bills are paid and we are solvent.
- Some details about possible Div 5 50th anniversary dinner locations were presented. One location that is looking promising is the American Croation Lodge in Eastlake, OH.
- Modeling question for the night came from Dave Neff who was looking for sources for the Walthers N-scale Rolling Mill which appears to be out of production.

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