



The Trainwire.



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Assistant Superintendant Report.

Summer is here, even though it's been rainy and colder than what most of us would like. We tend to live for the summer season and a more relaxed pace of life, but summer is not typically a time for progressing on model railroad tasks. Lawn and garden duties, home improvements, and family vacations take precedence with our blocks of spare time. Staying in the basement working on the workbench also seems contradictory to the season. But there are moments we can take advantage of if we concentrate on smaller tasks or even move the workbench out onto the deck or patio.

Time management comes into play when the summer season arrives. If you can find thirty minutes in a day to work on two freight cars, you have made some progress. If you can fit two of those sessions into a week, you've doubled the progress. I've enjoyed weathering freight cars outside and the open air makes my oil-based washes dry quickly. Coupler and wheelset upgrades are also easy to do on an outside table. If I can fit in

two thirty minute sessions in a week, then I'll have four freight cars with upgraded couplers and painted wheelsets. The next week, maybe I'll weather a couple of cars in thirty minutes. I'll concentrate on just the basic wash and possibly add some dust along the side sills as the wash dries in the summer air.

Setting our goals is an important part of our hobby enjoyment, but defining smaller goals for smaller spans of time can keep our efforts moving forward. A little thought and planning makes this all work. A square slab of plywood and a small shoebox of vital tools become a summer workbench that is easy to tote to the patio with a couple of freight cars for a half an hour of work. After a few sessions, you will be surprised at your progress and happy with your new layout additions.

Our next meeting is August 5th. I'll repeat my Newburgh & South Shore presentation from the Rails of Ages convention. Anything Goes for our Bring and Brag. Why not bring something you worked on in June and July? Bring along some current work and

maybe a technique you tried for the first time. Structure, freight car, loco, vehicle, diorama, or track work falls into the Anything Goes theme for the August meeting. It should be a full table or two of models for us all to learn something from.

See you then!



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

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

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

July

No meeting this month.

August 5th, 2011

Location: **Hambden Town Hall**

Program: **(Open)**

Bring & Brag: **“Anything goes”**

September 2nd, 2011

Location: **Hambden Town Hall**

Program: **(Open)**

Bring & Brag: **“Motor Trucks and Autos”**

SCHEDULED EVENTS

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| L. S. Live Steamers Public Run | July 10 |
| Penitentiary Glen Reservation (1pm- 3pm)
Kirkland, Ohio | |
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| BOD Meeting | July 18 |
| Hambden Town Hall
Hambden, Ohio | |
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| L. S. Live Steamers Public Run | July 31 |
| Penitentiary Glen Reservation (1pm- 3pm)
Kirkland, Ohio | |
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| L. S. Live Steamers Public Run | August 14 |
| Penitentiary Glen Reservation (1pm- 3pm)
Kirkland, Ohio | |
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| BOD Meeting | August 15 |
| Hambden Town Hall
Hambden, Ohio | |
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| Last Stop Willoughby | August 20 |
| Downtown Willoughby
Willoughby, Ohio | |

The Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum

7230 Justin Way

Mentor, Ohio 44060

Daily Hours

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| Monday | 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM |
| Tuesday | 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM |
| Wednesday | 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM |
| Thursday | 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM |
| Friday | Closed |
| Saturday | 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM |
| Sunday | 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM |

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Division 5 Minutes

June 3rd, 2011 7:30 pm

Assistant Superintendent Eric Hansmann called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm at Lake Farmpark. There were 22 members and 4 guests present.

Announcements were made regarding which Division members were going to the NMRA national convention in Sacramento, CA, upcoming 2014 National NMRA Convention planning meeting, and excursions on the Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad.

Bring & Brag: Theme "Billboard Reefers"

Tom Carr
Bill Smith

Bill Berger
Don Bittner

Bob Gittinger
Eric Hansmann

Doug Riedel was the nametag winner for the evening. You too can win a \$5 Div 5 certificate if your name is picked at a meeting and you are wearing your nametag!

It was reported that 24 scouts are signed up for the **Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge** workshop during the Railroads In The Parks weekend.

Program: Besides viewing and helping set up the HO modular layout, we also had another impromptu program. Wayne Lette presented a standard 2 ft x 4 ft module design that the Lake Erie N-scale Society has adopted for new modules. Wayne is the one that came up with the main design and the LENS group suggested a few refinements. The module is meant to be strong but reasonably light weight. The legs are built into the unit and fold in and out. The presentation generated a lot of comments and suggestions.

It was noted that we have left over **Rails Of Ages** convention pins for sale at \$3 /each. These will be available through the Division 5 Company Store.

Division 5 member **Bonnie Lette** had some surgery on her leg and will be recuperating for a while.

Rob Bowers has expressed interest in being the Promo Day coordinator.

Those that attended the **NMRA** promotional table at the **Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad's "Day With Thomas"** said the table drew lots of interest from the public. The Division 4 organizers did a fantastic job putting everything together for the table. We may want them to help us with our Promo Day.

It was noted that **Division 4's Training Day**, an event similar to our Promo Day, has been moved to November towards the end of the month.

Submitted by
Matt Kross - Division 5 Clerk

Division 5 BOD Minutes

June 20th, 2011 7:30 pm

A **Division 5 BOD meeting** was held on June 20, 2011 at Hambden Town Hall. Those in attendance were: Eric Hansmann, Wayne Lette, Don Bittner, Matt Kross, Dale Smith, Lenny Kessler, Ted Wiese, Rob Bowers, and Bob Frieden.

Since Dennis Lloyd, one of our Division 5 regular auditors was Registrar for the convention, we need a one-time auditor to fill in for Dennis in order to review the **Rails Of Ages 2011 Convention** financial books.

We still need to get the **Railfest 2011** financial audit scheduled. Matt Kross will contact Dennis Lloyd about doing this.

The **Division's 50th anniversary party** will officially be held on Sunday, September 18, 2011 at Zappetelli's in Painesville, Ohio. Don Bittner is contacting all our past superintendents that he can find in order to invite them to the party. The event will take place from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Division 5 members and one guest are free, but reservations are required (so we have a headcount). Additional guests may attend at a cost of \$15 per person. We are looking into possibilities for a guest speaker.

We have decided to skip having a **Division picnic** this year.

Matt Kross is working on updating some of the Division brochures and documents to list current officers, remove some events which we no longer participate in, and to correct miscellaneous errors.

The report on the **Railroads In The Parks** weekend was positive. We had a reasonable turnout from the Division to help. There was a good turnout by the public which was generally pleased with the event but would like to have seen more train setups (*two of the regular modular layouts were not there this year*). Lake Metroparks is considering moving the event back to the first weekend in May instead of June although the Lake Shore Live Steamers had the biggest crowds ever for this event. It was suggested that we should incorporate some of our Promo Day type activities during this event in the future.

Rob Bowers has volunteered to coordinate the Division 5 Promo Day. Contrary to what we were told earlier, we may be able to hold this event at **Lakeland Community College again**, though the cost will be a lot higher. We should know whether this is possible in a couple of weeks. We are planning to do similar demos as we did in 2010 but also add new ones.

Rob Bowers suggested that we need to do a lot more, simpler demos at various area events to advertise our Division to promote the hobby. We will need good signage and literature for these events. The **NMRA** advertising event that Division 4 and Division 1 coordinated with the **Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railway** attracted a lot of people. Some members of Division 5 helped man the table and said a lot of interest was generated with the public.

It was noted that our **2012 budget** should include the purchase of some large **Division 5 banners** to use at various events to advertise our Division.

The upcoming meeting programs and events were reviewed for inclusion in the **Trainwire**. It was noted that **Best Sand** in Chardon will be having an open house called "**Party In The Pit**" on September 17, 2011 from noon to 5 pm.

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Division 5 BOD Minutes cont...

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Our own **Assistant Superintendent Eric Hansmann** had an article published in the July 2011 Railroad Model Craftsman titled “*Keeping Something Running*”. **Congratulations Eric!**

The next **Division 5 BOD** meeting will be on July 18, 2011 at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall.

Submitted by, Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Division 5's 50th Anniversary Party

Join Us For A Celebration Of Our Division's Golden Anniversary

**Sunday September 18, 2011
3:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Zappitelli's
1820 North Ridge Road
Painesville OH 44077
440-853-8495**

**Free to Division 5 members and one guest
Additional guests welcome at \$15 per person**

**Reservations are required so that we know how many to plan for!
We will begin taking reservations at the August meeting**

Menu will be announced next month, Cash Bar

We are inviting all our past superintendents to attend this event. Any past Division 5 members are also welcome. We will spend part of the event reviewing the history of the Division, recognizing past officers, and reminiscing about the past 50 years. We are looking at getting a guest speaker, possibly one of the **NMRA** national officers. If you have other suggestions for a speaker or program items, please let a BOD member know.

We Need Your Help!

We need the following items for our celebration:

Pictures: Past and Present that show Division 5 activities, members, layouts, models, etc.

Models: We would like you to bring your models, past and present, to show modeling over the years. Also, if you have models from past members, please bring these to share. Let us know if you will be bringing items so that we know how much table space we will need.

Memorabilia: Let us know about items that you can bring to show prototype and model railroading over the past 50

2nd Community
Open House

Party in the Pit

BEST SAND CORP.

Saturday, Sept. 17th from Noon to 5PM

- Plant Tours
- Conceptual Reclamation Map - Future of the Quarry
 - Heavy Equipment Displays
- Sustainable Development Displays
 - Product Displays
- Entertainment for Children
 - Free Food



11830 Ravenna Rd., Chardon

The Modeler's Corner.



My home layout is designed primarily as an operating layout featuring industry more than cities and passenger trains by a large amount. I am always looking for unique and interesting industrial building to add that special look to my railroad. This model will make an impressive footprint wherever it is placed on the layout. This particular model has a lot of detail and numerous dock doors and

platforms to facilitate trucks and rail cars. The model goes together relatively easy and has good instructions making it a fun project that doesn't take that long to complete. I always recommend painting and weathering as much of the project as possible before assembly. Remember, time is not important while you are working on your models, enjoying the experience is. The rail cars that you will probably find around this supply house would be flat

cars, a variety of box cars, gondolas and once in a while a covered hopper. This was 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. -

The Editor

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July Division 5 Meeting**Cancelled****Division 5 monthly meetings normally start at 7:30 PM.**

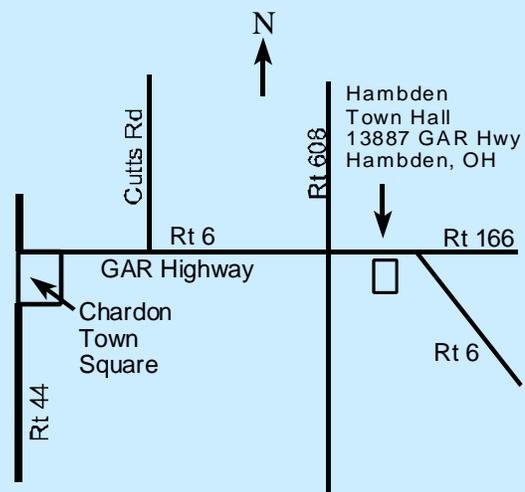
Location: Hambden Town Hall
13887 GAR Highway (Route 6)
Chardon, Ohio

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

Program: Scenery featuring Styrofoam and plaster
Presented by: Doug Nichols

Bring & Brag: "Structures"

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*



Map to Hambden Town Hall

August Trainwire Deadline
July 20th.

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