



# The Trainwire.



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## Division 5 Meeting Minutes

November 4th, 2011 7:30 pm

**Superintendent Mike Buehner** called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. There were 23 members and 1 guest present.

Communications and upcoming events were reviewed.

### **Bring & Brag** - Theme: Steam Locomotives

Dave Hanna	Matt Kross	Dave Neff
Ken Stroebel	Don Thomas	Bill Berger
Bruce Lutheran	Don Bittner	

**Program:** Guest Jerry Jordak provided a presentation titled "Modeling the Penn Central in New Castle, PA in 1969". Jerry is obviously modeling a very specific geographical location and time. He went through the various research he has done to gather information, showed pictures of the various locations he is modeling, explained some of the problems he had encountered, and showed the resulting scenes on his layout that is in progress.

**Superintendent Mike Buehner** called for volunteers to be on the Division Nominating Committee for the Division 5 elections this coming Spring.

**Treasurer Bonnie Lette** reported that everything is fine financially with the Division and that we are solvent.

**The 2012 Division 5 budget** has been assembled and is ready for approval at the November BOD meeting.

It was reported that the **Painesville Depot** has their model railroad set up and running.

Submitted by  
**Matt Kross - Division 5 Clerk**

## UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

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.

### December 2nd, 2011

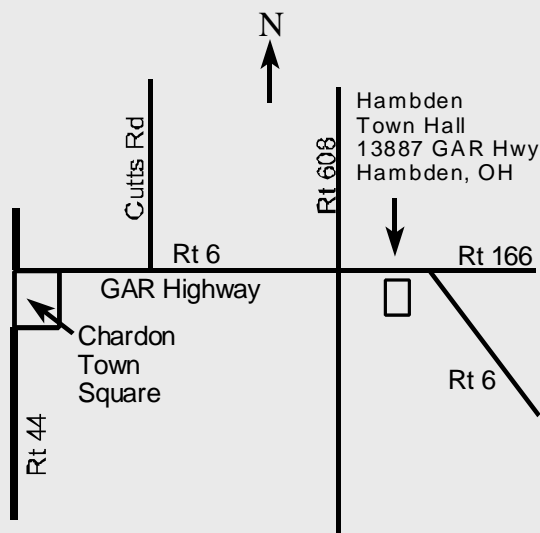
Location: **Hambden Town Hall**  
Program: **“Division 5 Memories” by Harley Smith**  
Bring & Brag: **“Online Structures”**

### January 6th, 2012 (Holiday Party)

Location: **Hambden Town Hall**  
Program: **Presentation on Cleveland Terminal**  
Activity: **“Chinese Gift Exchange!”**

### February 3rd, 2012

Location: **Hambden Town Hall**  
Program: **TBA**  
Activity: **“Favorite Fallen Flag!”**



Map to Hambden Town Hall

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

<b>Country Lights</b>	<b>December 3 - 23</b>
Farmpark Kirtland, Ohio 5 - 9 pm	
<b>“HO” Layout displayed</b>	<b>December 3 - 10</b>
<b>“N” Layout displayed</b>	<b>December 11 - 23</b>
<b>Christmas Toy and Train Show</b>	<b>December 11</b>
Lakeland College Kirtland, Ohio 10am - 3:30pm	

## 2012

<b>BOD Meeting</b>	<b>January 16</b>
Hambden Town Hall Hambden, Ohio	

# Pictures from November Meeting.



Next Division 5 Meeting - December 2nd, 2011.

# Division 5 BOD Minutes

November 21, 2011 7:30 pm

**Attendees:** Mike Buehner, Dave Neff, Dale Smith, Bruce Lutheran, Don Bittner, Wayne & Bonnie Lette, Rob Bowers, Tom Pescha, Doug Riedel, & Bob Frieden.

**Promo Day** – Rob reported that it was a success and went very well. Attendance was constant and the demonstrations went very well. The visitors seemed to enjoy the day by asking questions, taking notes & pictures. Thank you for all that helped to make the day successful. It was decided to do the Promo Day next year. Wayne motioned to issue \$10 Division Certificates to the members that helped with Promo Day. Dale 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Everyone agreed.

**NOARS** – Rob reported that they are doing more things online, check out their website.

**NMRA membership** is going up on 1/1/12; you can still renew online at the old price

**Railfest** – 97 invites were sent out & 14 have returned for 72 tables. We are a little ahead of schedule. Discussion of bringing Clinics (Demonstrations) back to Railfest. Jim will find out from the College if the Handball courts would be available for the clinics to be held. If we do bring the clinics back; Dave Neff has volunteered to be in charge of organizing the clinicians.

**Banner** – “Join the National Model Railroad Assoc” Mike is going to check out a couple different places for pricing. We have set aside the money in the budget to purchase. This will be used at any venue the Division is involved with.

**Holiday Party** – the date of the party is January 6, 2012. Deadline to sign up for the party is the December membership meeting (12/2/11). Contact Dale Smith or Bonnie Lette to get on the list and pay your \$8.00 per person.

**Bring N Brag for 2012** – Mike has the list of themes and will send out to the BOD & Trainwire

**Programs for 2012** – they are still open. If you wish to do a program, please contact a member of the BOD along with the month you wish to do it in.

**2012 Budget** – Dale motioned to approve the budget; Wayne 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Everyone agreed. Bonnie to finalize the income portion of the budget at the end of December. A copy will be available at the February 2012 membership meeting for anyone to look at.

**Regulations Change** – the vote is finalized as of December 1<sup>st</sup>. Tally so far is that over 50 ballots have come back and only 1 vote of no. The final tally will be presented at the December membership meeting during the business portion following the program.

**Tri-Fold Brochures** – There are a few minor changes that Mike will let Matt know about. Bonnie motioned to accept the brochure after the changes and to print up so they can be handed out at Country Lights at Lake Farm Park. Dale 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

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# Division 5 BOD Minutes Cont.....

November 21, 2011 7:30 pm

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**2014 Convention** – Dale & Dave reported on what was discussed at the meeting that was held Sunday, 1/20/11. They brought the new flyers that are being handed out; they will be available at the membership meeting. They heard the report from Sacramento. They are requesting that if any one is going to the Grand Rapids Convention in 2012; if you would help man the table to promote the 2014 convention. Publicity position is still open; a few names were brought up. Module coordinators are Larry Madson & Al Fenton for HO & N Scales.

**2013 World's Greatest Hobby** will be at the IX-Center on March 9-10; Railfest will be the following weekend.

**2012 I Hobby Show** (Int'l Hobby Mfr) at the IX-Center the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in October. The 2014 Convention committee would like to man a table to promote the NMRA; looking for volunteers.

**NMRA** is considering having the 2016 Nat'l Convention as a cruise on the West coast. The clinics and normal entertainment will be on the ship. At the Port of Calls will have layout tours, Op sessions, & proto tours. They are considering setting the price for the convention, cruise (which includes all food, hotel, transportation) to be around \$1600 per person. This will be for a week and at the last Port of Call will be the Train Show but you will still be able to sleep on the ship.

Submitted by:

**Bonnie Lette - Treasurer**

## 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

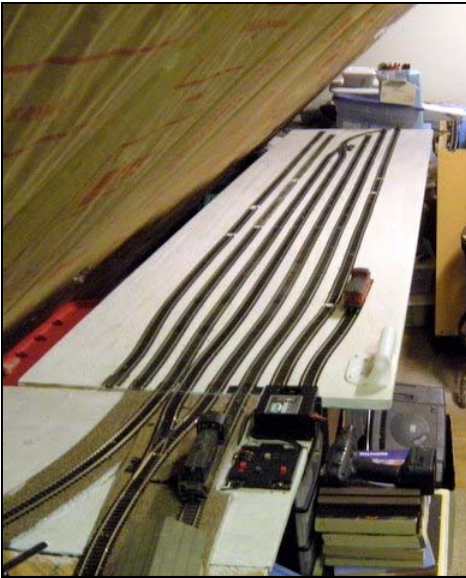
Willoughby, Ohio  
Mentor, Ohio  
Chardon, Ohio  
Perry, Ohio  
Geneva, Ohio



*Please support these dealers!*



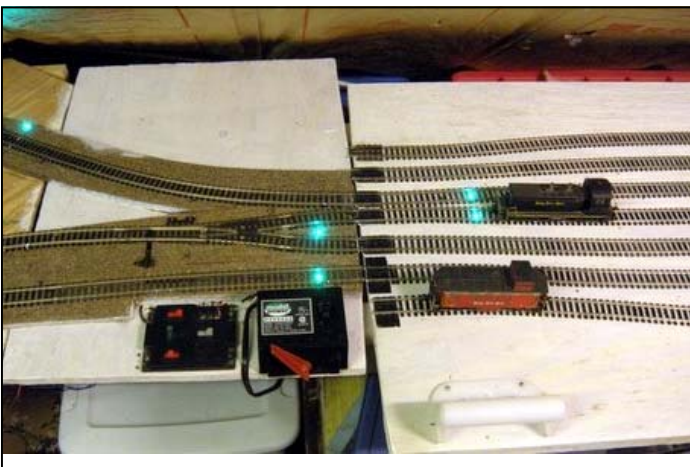
# The Modeler's Corner.



The photos in this article show the final construction of the storage tracks of a scratch built sector plate. It works like a large turntable to store parts of a train on different tracks. Actually no turnouts are needed but I have used two wye turnouts so I can run in half of a long train and then reverse the engine back past that to pick up the other half of the train and put it on a different track. Because this sector plate can be entered from either side of a loop of a track, it needs a **reversing device**. An electronic auto-reverser can be used or two DPDT switches or an Atlas "Controller", all serve that purpose. The sector plate actu-

ally functions like a wye turn around. This sector plate is constructed of 3/4 inch plywood and is 2ft. x 8 ft. with a center pivot at one end. It is manually moved to line up with the desired track. The entrance must be cut on a large radius to allow swinging, and there are Teflon strips to bear the weight at several places. Alignment of the entry tracks is critical and a slight curving of the rails is necessary to assure a smooth transition across the joints. I suppose an ambitious person could devise a power unit to move it and some type of detent setup to locate the rail ends, but I have not done that.

*Alan Arthur*



This shows how the LEDs indicate the track available to exit and then they change to show which mainline track may enter the yard.



# Christmas Train and TOY SHOW

## LAKELAND COLLEGE

2011  2011  2011  2011  2011  2011



**BUY - SELL - TRADE**



**Sunday, December 11, 2011**

**10:00 am to 3:30 pm**

Info: (440) 256-8141 [www.cleveshows.com](http://www.cleveshows.com) Fax (440) 256-1749  
Email: [cleveshows@att.net](mailto:cleveshows@att.net)

LAKELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
ATHLETIC & FITNESS CENTER (AFC) Main Gym  
7700 CLOCKTOWER DR.  
KIRTLAND, OHIO 44094  
Interstate 90 and Rt. 306 (S.E. Corner)



**Admission:** Adults \$6.00  
Family \$12.00 (children under 18)  
Active Military Personal Free

**Santa Claus** will be at the show from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm. If you wish to take your child's picture with Santa, we ask that you make a \$5.00 donation to Toys for Tots (Cash or Toy).

**Toys for Tots Collection** - New in box toys only (unwrapped). Please no stuffed animals.

**JDRF** - Stop by the NEOJDRFWF table and help find a cure for Juvenile Diabetes with your donation.



Dealer Redeemable this Show  
**\$25.00 Door Prize Certificate**  
Drawings at 11am, 1 pm, 3 pm



**Featuring:**

- HO Trains - Structures - Accessories
- 225 + Tables - One Floor
- Lionel, American Flyer, G-gauge, N scale trains
- Operating Train Layouts and Dioramas
- 2 Rail O Scale - Weaver - Atlas - MTH - K-Line
- Good Food - 24 hr Police Security



**BUY - SALE - TRADE**

## Christmas Train and Toy Show - December 11, 2011

TrainMaster of Cleveland with Toys for Tots and NEOJDRFWF

Toys for Tots Collection will be taking place at the Christmas Train and Toy Show on December 11, 2011 from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. at

Lakeland Community College Athletic & Fitness Center (AFC) Main Gym,  
7700 Clocktower Dr.  
Kirtland, Ohio 44094. Interstate 90 and Rt. 306 (S.E. Corner)

Admission: Adults \$6.00 each, Family \$12.00 (children 18 and under).

Come to the Christmas Train and Toy Show and see over 200 dealers with model trains of all gauges, antique toys, and diecast toys just in time for your Christmas shopping. Enjoy watching the operating train layouts and dioramas. Buy – Sell – Trade.

This will be a great time upgrade your Model Train or get a new train set for under the Christmas Tree.

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There will be Toys for Tots collection boxes at the show. Please help those less fortunate by donating new, in the package (unwrapped), toys. Please no stuffed animals.

North East Ohio **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation** Walk Family (JDRF) will also be part of our show. Join them in trying to find a Cure for Diabetes.

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## **National Model Railroad Association, Inc.**

### **Confidentiality Policy**

In order to protect the privacy rights and concerns of our members, the National Model Railroad Association, Inc. is forwarding this statement to all Region and Division personnel. All such personnel are expected to understand and abide by this policy.

Due to changes in the law as well as increased concern over privacy issues and identity theft, it is now NMRA policy that anyone with access to membership information obtained from the national NMRA must agree not to disclose any such information to anyone who is not authorized to have access to the information for official use.

The NMRA is in the process of obtaining permission from each member to disclose his or her personal information to other members, as we have in the past for those wishing to visit or contact other members. Due to changes in the law and increased privacy concerns, we can no longer disclose such information without the consent of the members concerned. Moreover, no information should be disclosed by any NMRA official, elected or appointed, at any level of the NMRA, that would allow those without authorization to obtain personnel information of other members. This would include mass electronic mail distribution with private email addresses in the "to" or "cc" address lines where the information can be read by any recipient.

Currently member information such as name, address, phone number, and email address is made available to each Region membership officer, and is also available to each Region president. Those persons are expected to pass this information along to their Region's Division superintendents and membership officers so that they can use the information for official business. Welcome letters, re-rail letters, newsletters, meeting notifications and the like would be considered official business. Other official mailings to all Region or Division members are also permitted.

This policy strictly prohibits dissemination of member information to 100% NMRA clubs. Such clubs are not part of the NMRA corporate structure, and the NMRA has no way to control how such information would be used. 100% NMRA clubs are clubs whose members are all members of the NMRA, however, they have no other responsibilities to the NMRA. The NMRA HQ will continue to identify if a person is a member of the NMRA to an NMRA club for purposes of confirmation of the person's eligibility for membership in the 100% NMRA club. However, we would request the club to first request a copy of the membership card from the prospective member in order to confirm eligibility.

Any NMRA official who passes personal membership information along to non-authorized individuals runs the risk of being held personally legally liable for this action. Moreover, the NMRA insurance does not apply to such disclosures by region or division officers or personnel.

Further updates of this policy will be issued as they are formulated and adopted by the Board of Directors.

We appreciate that these changes may cause changes in the way that your NMRA organization conducts business and serves its members, but these changes are necessary as the law evolves regarding privacy issues. If you have questions about this policy and how it should be applied, please direct them to me at [nmrapres@zoomtown.com](mailto:nmrapres@zoomtown.com) or to NMRA General Counsel, Robert J. Amsler, Jr., at [legal@hq.nmra.org](mailto:legal@hq.nmra.org).

Mike Brestel, NMRA President

June 12, 2011

# The November NMRA InfoNet News

## Greetings, Presidents & Superintendents --

Here's the November news:

•The **Winter NMRA Board Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, February 8, and Thursday, February 9, 2012, beginning each day at 9:00 a.m.. All NMRA members are welcome to attend the open portions of this meeting. In order save as much money as possible on the meeting, it will again be held in Las Vegas at the Palace Station Hotel. The NMRA Budget and Operations meetings, which are not open to the public, will be held on Tuesday, February 7 at the same location. The Board is expecting a packed agenda, and details of that agenda will be included in an InfoNet News eblast when they're arranged.

•Several members have asked about the **current content of the NMRA's "Members-Only" section** of the website, so here's some of what you'll find when you log on at [www.nmra.org/member](http://www.nmra.org/member) :

○You'll find the latest **reprints of the Division and Region newsletter articles** Jim Zinser mentions in his "Division Business Car / NMRA@Home" column every other month in *NMRA Magazine*. All previously mentioned articles also remain in Members-Only, so it's a great resource to learn new tips and techniques. If your newsletter editor would like to reprint one of the articles, please have him/her contact the original newsletter's editor for an OK.

○We've been adding "**NMRA Magazine Classics**" -- scans of articles from bygone issues of *Scale Rails* and *The Bulletin* that are truly classic articles. Our goal is eventually to have at least one article from every issue of the magazine posted. Obviously this takes a lot of man-hours, but you'll be surprised to find how many are already online. The articles may be a few years old, but if you haven't read them (or forgot about them), they're as fresh as today.

○In the "**NMRA Member Extras**" section we've posted the 2011 NMRA Calendar screensaver -- a great, inspiring addition to your computer.

○Each of the **photos from the 2011 NMRA Calendar** also resides in Members-Only as computer wallpaper. In addition, we asked each of the photographers to give us a brief description of how they took their shot. You'll find those descriptions posted as well. Both of these are also in the "Member Extras" section.

○Our "**Promotional Materials**" section contains a wealth of items Divisions and Regions will find useful. We have the NMRA logo available in a wide variety of graphic formats and sizes. You'll also find a PDF of the NMRA Member Benefits chart and a new-member solicitation brochure (which you can print out and photocopy), along with a new-member sign-up sheet. Last, you'll find the National Model Railroad Month materials, which include National Model Railroad Month logos in various sizes and graphic formats, as well as a Word document, "A guide to promoting National Model Railroad Month," which can be a handy reference whenever you want to promote your Region or Division.

In case your members are looking for more information about the Grand Rapids convention, there are **two great convention videos** posted on the Grand Rails2012 website at [www.gr2012.org](http://www.gr2012.org). Also, remember that members who register before November 30 will have first dibs on hotel reservations, tour reservations, and merchandise. The Furniture City Flyers Club is nearly sold out, so if members want to experience dessert at sunset on Mirror Lake, they'll need to get their registration in soon. Register online at <http://www.gr2012.org/register.htm>.

*If you have any questions or comments about any of the above, please send them directly to a Director or Officer. You'll find those addresses at [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) or in NMRA Magazine.*

*And if you're changing email addresses, please let me know at this email address: [NMRA-infonet@earthlink.net](mailto:NMRA-infonet@earthlink.net)*

**Gerry Leone, MMR**

**NMRA Communications Director**

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# Wanted

**T**he Trainwire is always looking for an interesting article. If you have taken a trip lately, seen something interesting trackside, have a particular view point on a railroad subject or just want to participate in the Modelers Corner; then we want to hear from you. Everyone wants to be kept current on Division information, but we all enjoy an interesting article written by a member of this organization. So take your pictures and article and send them to the Editor by email and share them will all of us.

**January Trainwire Deadline  
December 20th.**

# The Trainwire Newsletter

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