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Happy New Year.

As the year 2011 slips away, it is time for the division 5 membership to prepare for another year of promoting the hobby of model railroading. It is important that as members of this organization we participate in upcoming events starting with our major fund raiser, Railfest this March. In addition to Railfest, Promo Day can always use an extra hand and so can the module group that always draws a crowd whenever they set up their layout. While keeping you posted on current events at the monthly

meetings, members are given an opportunity to display their latest modeling talents during Bring & Brag. For those that can not always make the meetings, there is always the Trainwire where a member can display their latest work of art in the "Modelers Corner". The Trainwire also is available to you to share stories about experiences or information that you possess about or involving trains of all kinds. Have you been on a short vacation on a train or taken a ride on a particular railroad attraction? Put your memories together in words and pictures and send

them to the editor of the Trainwire and we will all share in your experience. If you don't already participate in the Division activities, this is a great time to make a new year's resolution to get active in the great hobby of model railroading. - *The Editor*

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.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

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.

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!"

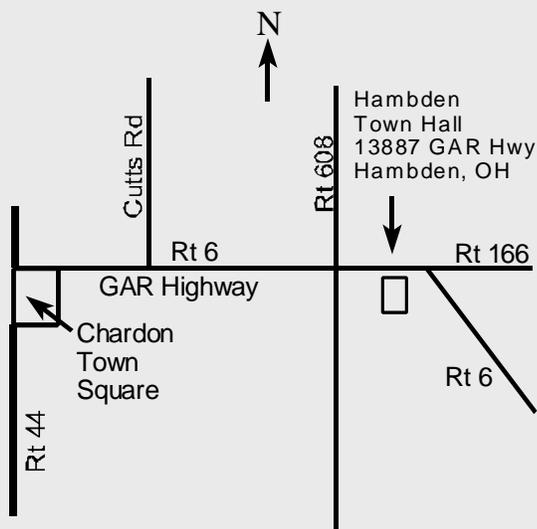
March 2nd, 2012

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

Holiday Party **January 6**
Hambden Town Hall
Hambden, Ohio

BOD Meeting **January 16**
Hambden Town Hall
Hambden, Ohio

BOD Meeting **February 20**
Hambden Town Hall
Hambden, Ohio



Map to Hambden Town Hall

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

December 2nd, 2011 7:30 pm

Superintendent Mike Buehner called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. There were 27 members and 2 guests present.

Communications and upcoming events were reviewed:

- Pump house kits for 2012 MCR convention hosted by Division 2
- 2012 MCR convention registration forms
- HO modules set up at Farmpark
- Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad is having Santa Claus on the trains in December

Reservations were being taken for the Division 5 Holiday Party on January 6, 2012.

There was a question about who takes care of maintaining the combination HO/N model **railroad display** at Farmpark. It was noted that Division 5 built the display for Farmpark but it was given to them and so Farmpark is responsible for maintaining it and replacing any problem equipment. It is not a budget item for Division 5.

There will not be a **Division 5 BOD meeting** in December.

There were some advertising pamphlets available for the **2014 National NMRA Convention** which will be held in Cleveland. The convention planning committee is looking for more help. If you are planning on attending the 2012 National NMRA Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan, please consider volunteering some time to man the 2014 convention table to promote the Cleveland convention. Any Div 5 member interested in helping can contact Dave Neff, Dale Smith, or Matt Kross.

Bring & Brag: Theme for the night was Online Structures

Bill Berger	Matt Kross	Ken Stroebel
Dave Neff	Don Bittner	Bob Gittinger
Rich Kacprzak		

NMRA dues are going up in January. If you renew online before the end of the year, you can lock in the current dues rate for up to two years.

Program: Harley Smith put together a bunch of slides that showed railroading in our area back in the 1960's and 1970's. Included were shots of Division 5 activities during those times and area model railroads.

Division 5 Promo Day 2011 went well. Those that helped with the one day event were awarded a \$10 Div 5 Certificate.

Railfest 2012 has approximately 100 tables (25%) sold so far. Jim Wendorf is checking to see if we can get some additional rooms to use for clinics.

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Division 5 Meeting Minutes Cont.....

December 2nd, 2011

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The Division 5 Nominating Committee for the upcoming elections has been formed:

Dave Hanna – Lake County

Bill Berger – Geauga County

Dick Naramore – Ashtabula County

The vote to revise the **Division 5 Regulations** resulted in the proposed changes being approved. The Treasurer position will now be appointed by the Superintendent instead of being an elected position.

Treasurer Bonnie Lette provided the balances of all our accounts. We are solvent and all bills have been paid.

We have 34 people signed up so far for the **Holiday Party**.

We need **meeting programs for 2012**. If you have ideas for what you would like to see or are willing to put on a program, please contact Assistant Superintendent Dave Neff. Chuck Klein from Division 4 will provide the program at our party in January. It will be on the Cleveland Union Terminal.

It was suggested that one of our **Bring & Brag themes** be Winter Railroading / Snow Fighting.

A Division Layout Tour Coordinator is still needed.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk



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 or to NMRA General Counsel, Robert J. Amsler, Jr., at legal@hq.nmra.org.

Mike Brestel, NMRA President

June 12, 2011

The November NMRA InfoNet News

Happy holidays to all Presidents & Superintendents --

Here's the end-of-the-year news:

This year **registration for Grand Rails 2012 will be handled in a new way**. Instead of the large registration package inserted into *NMRA Magazine*, the full package can be downloaded from www.gr2012.org. Those who prefer a printed piece can send their request, along with their name and address to: GR 2012 Registrar, 4165 Costa NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525. There will also be a registration form and ad appearing in an upcoming issue of *NMRA Magazine*.

Speaking of the convention, even though **Grand Rails 2012 has over 200 clinic slots filled, they're still looking for more**. If one of your members is interested in presenting, go to www.gr2012.org and click on the clinic application page. In addition, there's still some space left for modular layouts at the National Train Show. If some of your members would like to participate, have them visit the convention's website and click on the "Contact us" link and tell the Convention Committee what you'd like to bring.

Cruise Convention news: Some of our members think the NMRA "invented" the idea of a cruise convention. The fact is, we're just catching up! Hobby and professional groups have been doing it for quite a while, so if your members are interested in seeing the great time others are having, check out these links:

Adobe Photoshop Cruise: http://www.insightcruises.com/top_b/pf05_top.html

Harley Davidson Cruise: <https://www.highseasrally.com/>

American Medical Association Cruise: <http://www.continuingeducation.net/pastprograms.php>

Scrapbooking Cruise: http://www.cruiseandcrop.com/SB_Cruise.htm

Genealogy Cruise: <http://www.whollygenes.com/Merchant2/merchant.mvc?screen=CRUISE>

NMRA elections are coming up soon. The official ballot was prepared by the National Nominating Committee according to the procedures laid out in the Regulations and the Executive Handbook (available at www.nmra.org). It will appear as an insert in the center of the February issue of *NMRA Magazine*, which will be mailed to all voting members. Ballots must be returned to NMRA headquarters, "Attention Ballot Committee," and must be postmarked by April 10, 2012 and received by April 15, 2012. Here are the job titles and candidates as they appear on the ballot. The names with asterisks were nominated by petition; all others were nominated by the Nominating Committee:

President: Charles W. Getz, IV, HLM

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Eastern District Director John Roberts, MMR, HLM

Pacific District Director Mike Bartlett Kelly Loyd Rob Peterson

*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 or in *NMRA Magazine*.*

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

Have a happy holiday season!

**Gerry Leone, MMR
NMRA Communications Director**

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Bring & Brag	(Open Position)	
Layout Tours	(Open Position)	

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CONVENTION
JULY 13-20, 2014**

www.2014cleveland.org

Wanted

The 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.

**February Trainwire Deadline
January 20th.**

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