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The GRRT Railroad



would like to extend an invitation to fellow model railroaders to join in an operating session.

This is to be held monthly; on the 2nd Wednesday of the month starting in April 2012.

The Buehner Residence

6350 River Rd. Madison, Ohio

(440) 428-0137

GRRTRailroad@roadrunner.com

Time: 6pm - 10pm

If you are new to operations or are curious, this is for you. I have an up and running N scale layout with Digitrax DCC. The operations will include Mainline freight from staging, locals (turns), interchange traffic, classification yard, and a Branch line. We will be using sequential running order at first (no fast clock) using switchlists (detailed and/or short lists) and CarCards. If you have a Digitrax throttle you are encouraged to bring one. As a novice myself this will be a fun learning adventure and you get to run trains. If you do not want to operate, you are more than welcome to visit.

Mike Buehner

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.

April 6th, 2012

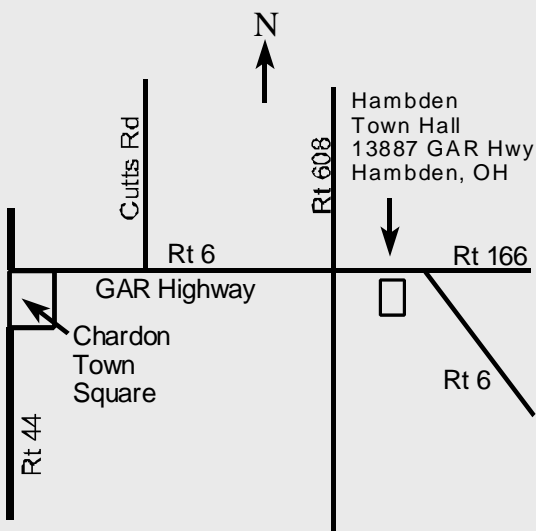
Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: HO Coupler Pockets by Harley Smith
Bring & Brag: "Kitbashed"

May 4th, 2012

Location: Farmpark
Program: Module Set-up
Bring & Brag: "Your Favorite Model"
(6 month Requirement - Waived)

June 1st, 2012

Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: Weathering freight cars by Joe Saunders
Bring & Brag: "Diesel Locos"



Map to Hambden Town Hall

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Membership Meeting April 6

Request for April Meeting Program:

Anyone that has **Athearn** or **MDC** cars with issues with the under frames, coupler pockets or running gear; please bring them to the meeting this April.

BOD Meeting April 16

Hambden Town Hall
Hambden, Ohio

Highline to Pittsburgh April 26 - 29

NMRA Mid-Central Regional, Division 2
Pittsburgh, Pa 15239

L.S. Live Steamers Public Run April 22

Penitentiary Glen Reservation
Kirtland, Ohio (1-3pm)

Operating Session May 4

Jamestown, New York
Contact Dale Smith **440-636-3453**.

Railroad in the Park May 4 - 6

Farmpark
Kirtland, Ohio

L.S. Live Steamers Public Run May 6

Penitentiary Glen Reservation
Kirtland, Ohio

BOD Meeting May 21

Hambden Town Hall
Hambden, Ohio (1-3pm)

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2012 7:30 pm

Meeting was called to order by **Superintendent Mike Buehner** at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. 23 members and 5 guests were present.

An update on **Railfest 2012** was provided. The gym floor has been dried out and so there is no need to move things around. The raffle of NMRA memberships by the JDRF group was reviewed. A review of all the different show advertising was provided.

Sam Monturi has a person to paint backdrops if anyone is interested.

The **June program** will be on weathering freight cars by Joe Saunders.

Ken Stroebel has been contacted by someone that wants to sell some 1957 Lionel equipment.

The **LENS N Trak** setup at Willoughby Hills Community Center went reasonably well. We developed a contact with a GE Transportation employee that might be able to get us a tour of the Erie locomotive manufacturing facility.

Bring & Brag: Theme – Weathered Boxcars

Ken Stroebel	Bill Berger	Rich Kacprzak
Dave Neff	Don Thomas	Bruce Lutheran
Matt Kross	Don Bittner	Bill Smith

Program: Ken Stroebel provided a program on the Alaska Railroad with pictures from a recent trip there to visit his son who was in the Coast Guard there.

Business Meeting:

Treasurer Bonnie Lette provided a review of the Division's financial accounts.

No additional nominations were received for the **Division 5 elections**. Ballots will be mailed the week of March 5.

The **May meeting** will be held at Lake Farmpark in conjunction with setting up the modular layouts for the Railroads In The Parks weekend.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – *Division 5 Clerk*

Pictures from Railfest 2012.



Next Division 5 Meeting - April 6th , 2012.

Division 5 BOD Minutes

March 19, 2012 7:30 pm

Mike Buehner, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Dale Smith, Don Bittner, Bruce Lutheran, Matt Kross, Rob Bowers Jr., Bob Frieden, Lenny Kessler, Tom Pescha, Ted Wiese, Mike Harkleroad, Harley Smith, and Jim Wendorf.

Railfest 2012 Review: Various feedback was reviewed. Attendance of 3,210 for the two days was nearly identical to last year. Most vendors said that they did well. Division 5 table sales went well. We did have a couple reports of possible thefts but security tapes were not able to verify anything. Thirteen people entered the JDRF raffle for the free NMRA memberships. We also had someone donate ten NMRA Railpass memberships to be handed out. The Railfest raffle had a profit of \$238. We need a good way to present show information to people as they go through the gate area. We need better signs for the NMRA table and the membership signups. We need to keep vendors from packing up early.

There will be a Division 5 operating session on Dave Eggleston's layout in Jamestown, NY on May 12, 2012.

Mike Buehner is starting operating sessions on his N-scale layout in Madison, Ohio on the second Wednesday of the month from 6 pm to 10 pm starting April, 2012.

The election teller reported that a number of ballots have been sent in already.

The Division 5 Membership Guide has been updated. The updated version will be placed on the Division 5 website.

The HO cars for the Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Workshop are in hand.

Copies of the Division 5 brochure are available for any Division 5 event.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – *Division 5 Clerk*

Special 60th Anniversary.

Harley and Ellen Smith 60th Anniversary

On April 11, 2012
Harley and Ellen Smith
will celebrate 60 years of marriage.

Abiding by Dad's wish to not have a
"Big Shindig"
we invite you to send a card or note to help
them celebrate this milestone.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley D. Smith
13630 GAR Hwy
Chardon, OH 44024

Thank you,
LuAnn and Dennis Burger
Dale and Deborah Smith

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
Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters

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



Please support these dealers!

Operating Session.

I have scheduled an Operating Session on May 12, 2012 from 1 PM. to 5 PM at Dave Eggleston's , 44 Summitt Street, Jamestown, NY.

I will be leaving my house at 8:45 AM, those interested in going please contact me by May 4th. so I can advise Dave of the number to expect. Also, if you are interested in

carpooling please contact me at: **Dale Smith 440-636-3453.**

Thanks,

Dale Smith

Railfest 2012 Raffle Winners

N-scale Trainset:	Laura Bailey
O-scale Trainset:	Dennis Marano
HO Locomotive:	Don Berish
Lionel Playset:	Ashley Etzel
1:43 Truck:	Jeff Cooper

Division 5 Loses Another Member.



William T. Eville, age 78, of Mentor, passed away March 2, 2012, at Heather Hill in Chardon. He was born Feb. 8, 1934, in Painesville to the late Thomas and Rachel (Landon) Eville. He was a member of Shoregate United Methodist Church and enjoyed model trains, planes, paper modeling, Raki, and was avid reader. Bill was a graduate of Harvey High School and Ohio University,

where he received his degree in industrial technology. Bill was a self-employed engineer.

Survivors are his wife of 57 years, Rebecca (Holden); daughter, Nancy (Jean-Paul) Ehounou; granddaughters, Marie-Ellen and Rebecca-Clair; and great-granddaughter, Savannah-Marie.

He was preceded by his sister, Barbara Connors.

May the Lord welcome this gentle soul into his Kingdom and watch over him for eternity. ✿

William T. Eville
1934-2012

Rail Fanning Day

at

**The Western Reserve Railroad Association
Painesville Depot**



Saturday, May 19, 2012

Saturday, July 28, 2012

Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012



10:00 am to 5:00 pm



Food and Drinks available

**Come and spend a day Rail Fanning at the
Painesville Depot.**

The Depot open in 1893 for the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Line.
The NYC was formed in 1914 and consolidated the LS&M.

Be sure to bring your camera and a chair.

**The depot is on the CSX waterfront Main Line
Visit this Historical Train Depot**



**The Painesville Depot
475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077
216-470-5780**



www.painesvilledepot.org

The Western Reserve Railroad Association



475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077

440-289-4014

email: info@painesvilledepot.org

www.painesvilledepot.org



Come and enjoy a day of watching trains at the historic Painesville Depot on Saturday, May 19, 2012 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Spend the day visiting our depot and see the artifacts of the glory days of railroading. The depot opened in 1893 for the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad. The NYC was formed in 1914 and consolidated the LS&M. The station was closed in 1971 when passenger service was stop.

Rail Fanning is the hobby of taking pictures of real trains as the are running on the tracks. Many times you get to see very rare and unusual trains and engines. Some people post them on the web and the train is track across the country.

You might be lucky and take pictures of a real John Deere Train, Circus Trains or a Dept of Defense train.

The station is on what is now the CSX water front main line and has about 4 trains per hour pass by it. So bring your camera and chair and enjoy the day.

The Painesville Depot, 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

www.painesvilledepot.org

info@painesvilledepot.org

216-470-5780

The March NMRA InfoNet News

As I promised last month, here's the remainder of the news that came out of the winter Board of Directors meeting, held February 8 & 9, 2012, in Las Vegas.

News from the Board meeting:

- The NMRA has a new **Development Department Manager**, charged with seeking out new donation sources and methods, and coming up with ways to expand our fundraising potential. Alan Anderson of Salt Lake City, UT, volunteered to fill the slot, which had been vacant for several years. In his full-time job, Alan works with a Salt Lake City area chamber of commerce.
- The "**Cruise Convention**" idea was officially declared "not popular enough to pursue." Initial estimates, dictated that the idea receive approximately 800 firm commitments from NMRA members, and only about 300 were received via the survey, which was printed several times in *NMRA Magazine* and also sent to Sacramento convention attendees.
- The NMRA is in the final stages of selecting a **volunteer Marketing Department Manager**. To date, several professional candidates have responded to a "help wanted" ad in *NMRA Magazine*. The Marketing Director will help the NMRA identify ways to retain and re-rail members, as well as recruit new ones.
- Jenny Hendricks, NMRA Administration Director, reports that the number of **RailPass members who convert** to Regular members has reached the 80% mark. Congratulations to all of you whose hard work has made this goal a reality! Maybe we should try for 90- 100%?

The Celebration of Models in Grand Rapids will introduce a **new contest award** in memory of Dean Freytag, the "Dean of Styrene" and former national Contest Chair. The award is funded by a donation given to the NMRA in memory of Freytag and is named "The Dean Freytag Industrial Structure Award." The winning structure will be selected by the Contest Chairman.

In other news:

- White River Productions**, the company that prints *NMRA Magazine*, announced that it has purchased the assets of the now-defunct magazine, *Model Railroad News*.

NMRA Secretary Bob Gangwish reports that the **updated version of the Executive Handbook** is now posted on www.nmra.org and can be downloaded.

*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

***Gerry Leone, MMR
NMRA Communications Director***

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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.

**May Trainwire Deadline
April 20th.**

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