



The Trainwire.



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Jamestown Operating Session.

On Saturday May 4th, three members of Division 5 traveled to Jamestown, New York to participate in an “Operating Session” at Dave Eggleston’s 2 rail “O” Gauge layout. Everyone in Division 5 was invited to make the trip but

only Don Bittner, Dale Smith and myself made the little more than two hour trip. It’s too bad that more members did not come along; they really don’t know what they missed. The trip was well worth it and the three of us had a great time. We also stopped at a hobby shop in

Jamestown on the way to the layout and the owner offered to display flyers for Railfest. I am posting a few pictures to let you see the kind of layout this is and what you missed. - *Rich Kacprzak*



Division 5 Meeting Minutes

May 4th, 2012 7:30 pm

Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Mike Buehner at 7:30 pm at Lake Farmpark. There were 27 members and 3 guests present.

Dave Neff told us about his experience at the recent 2012 MCR regional convention in Pittsburgh. There were lots of good clinics with standing room only. There were a lot of good tours and an extensive non-rail program.

Bring & Brag: Theme – Favorite Model

Ken Stroebel	Matt Kross	Don Bittner	Mike Buehner
Bill Berger	Bob Gittinger	Rich Kacprzak	

Program: No specific program. Members could watch or help setup the various modular layouts for the Railroads In The Parks weekend.

Business Meeting:

The **HobbyTown** in Mentor is now under new ownership. The new owners will continue to accept Division 5 certificates.

Planning has started for **Railfest 2013**. They are looking at having a buffet dinner at the college for vendors. They are also looking at having box lunches available for the vendors during the show. A room discount has been arranged with the Red Roof Inn for those coming in from out of town.

Dave Neff provided a summary of the MCR BOD meeting he attended in Pittsburgh during the convention. Attracting and keeping NMRA members continues to be a main topic. Various MCR divisions shared what things they are trying. There was also discussion about what to do about NMRA members in the Erie, PA and Jamestown, NY areas that are currently without a functioning division.

The Treasurer reported that we are financially stable. The electronic version of the Division financial accounts was available at the meeting for anyone wanting to review them. A financial audit will be conducted on May 27.

The **June meeting program** will be on weathering boxcars by Joe Saunders.

A question was asked about how railroad car lengths are measured. If it is a 40 foot boxcar, where is the 40 foot length measured? Is it the inside or outside dimension of the box, the coupler face to coupler face, or something else? The response was that there is no set answer. You need to look at the Official Railway Equipment Registry. It varies widely.

It was reported that **Division 5 member Gary Shaffer** was home and doing well after his bypass surgery. He is going to be laid up for at least six weeks. **Division 5 member Ron Biddell** is still working on recovering from his cancer surgery. Friend of the Division, Al Clum, has died.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Division 5 BOD Minutes

May 21st, 2012 7:30 pm

A **Division 5 BOD meeting** was held on May 21, 2012 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Mike Buehner, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Don Bittner, Bruce Lutheran, Dale Smith, Matt Kross, Bob Frieden, Lenny Kessler, Tom Pescha, Rob Bowers, and Dave Neff.

The terms of all Division 5 appointed positions officially end with the change in Division officers. New Division 5 Superintendent **Rob Bowers** will appoint the people for all the positions starting in June. Bruce Lutheran has indicated that he does not wish to continue as a Division 5 Director so that he can focus on the HO module group and possibly a Division 5 car project.

Promo Day 2012 fliers are available and we will have them at Last Stop Willoughby in August.

There were only three **Division 5 members** that attended the operating session at Dave Eggleston's layout.

Division 5 member Gary Shaffer had quintuple bypass surgery in the middle of April. He is at home and doing well in his recovery.

This year's **Division 5 picnic** will be held at the Painesville depot on Saturday, July 7 from 2 pm to 6 pm. The meal will be around 3 pm. Tom Pescha will take care of getting the food and paper products. Bob Frieden will get the drinks. The event is free to Division members and their families/guests but reservations are required by July 1 so that a headcount can be determined. Bonnie Lette will handle the reservations. Meal will consist of hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, macaroni salad, chips, and cake.

Tom Pescha reported on the progress of the **Painesville Depot layout** and the grant money that Division 5 provided for it. So far, they have only spent \$185 of the grant money to purchase lumber.

The board discussed ways to improve the effectiveness of the **video camera** used to show a close-up of what the clinician is working on. These new ideas will be tried at the June meeting when we will have a clinic on weathering.

Division 5 federal and state tax returns have been filed for 2012.

Railfest 2012 has transferred \$14,000 to the Division's account as our profit from this year's show.

The **Rails of Ages 2011** convention financial account has now been officially closed and the remaining funds transferred to the Division's account.

We need to get the signatures changed to the **new officers** on the Division bank accounts.

Rob Bowers presented some of his ideas for what he would like the Division to do as his term of Superintendent begins.

A summary of the **2014 NMRA national convention** planning status was presented by those that are part of that committee.

The board had some general discussions about making use of various electronic communication methods (such as Facebook and Twitter) in order to reach younger people.

No progress on quotes for a **Division 5 banner**.

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Don Thomas is notifying people that he is ending his Walthers dealership. He will no longer be taking orders as of July 1, 2012.

A **Division 5 financial audit** will be conducted May 27.

Next **Division 5 BOD meeting** will be June 18, 2012 at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Division 5 July Picnic.

Date:	Saturday, July 7, 2012
Time:	2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Location:	Painesville Depot 475 Railroad Street

Menu (standard picnic fare)

Hamburgers	Hot Dogs	Potato Salad
Macaroni Salad	Chips	Cake
Cold Drinks		

This year's **Division 5 picnic** will be held at the Painesville Depot for an afternoon of socializing and railfanning. Watch trains go by on the CSX waterfront main line. The meal will be around 3 pm. For more information about the **Painesville Depot** visit their website at: www.painesvilledepot.org.

Place settings will be provided. **Bring your own lawn chairs.**

The event is **free** to Division 5 members and their families/guests but **reservations are required by July 1** so that a headcount can be determined.

Make your reservations with Bonnie Lette at the June meeting or call Bonnie at (440) 298-3075 or send an e-mail to Treasurer@MCR5.org.

Railroads in the Park.

By Bruce Lutheran

This past weekend, May 5th and May 6th, was railroads in the park weekend held at Lake Metro-Parks Farm-Park. Railroads in the park is an annual event held by Lake FarmParks the first weekend in May. The weekend includes many "railroad" related activities. Some of these activities included Boy scouts car building. The cars were donated by Divi-

sion 5, again this year, and several of our members were on hand to help the Scouts build their cars, including Ken Stroble, Bonnie Lette and Rich Kasperzak, just to name a few. Division 5 was there in strong support with set-ups by both the N-Trak module group and the HO module group. Both groups had several members on both days in support. We started on Friday, May 4, be-

fore the division meeting, with set-up, which went on thru the evening until we were both ready for the opening the next morning. Saturday morning was the usual "Tweak-n-Peak" and final tidying up activities. The groups ran trains all weekend. I got several photos as shown below. The first few are from the HO module group:

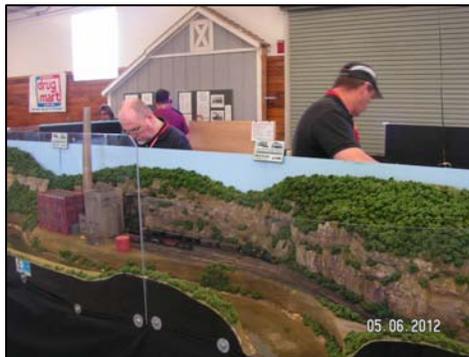
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The Following pictures are of the N scale module group:



Along with both Module groups set-ups, Sam Monturi also had built a switching module, with Doug Riedels help, that he used to have the kids actually operate a train. The kids enjoyed it very much, as you can see to the right: ⇌⇌



Also set-up at FarmParks was a G scale set-up by the Northern Ohio Garden Railway

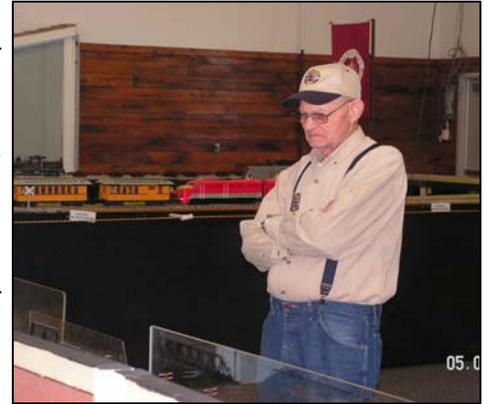
Right at the entrance, greeting the people as they can in, was a Lionel set-up.

Throughout the area were other activities going on, including a center court area where kids were building their own train.

Railroads in the Park. cont.....



The last remaining set-up was another Lionel set-up put on by a staff member of FarmParks. He set-up a nice display, as shown. Many other members of division 5 also participated including Mike our current Superintendent and Rob, our new incoming Superintendent. Don Bittner also came and assisted where he could. Railroads in the park was a great success for the Lake Metro Parks system and it was a great weekend of railroading fun, helped by and put on by many members of Division 5.



Railroads in the Park.

by Ken Stroebel

Scouts from northeastern Ohio once again engaged in a fun day of model railroads, running a garden railroad and learning about trains, safety and operations within a railroad. On May 5th, 15 scouts gathered at the Lake FarmPark to work towards earning their railroad merit badge. The days activities started with a quick session to introduce the boys to the concepts of how a diesel locomotive operates, followed by

learning the different types of rolling stock that you might see on the railroad and what the function of each piece of equipment is. From there, we moved to the types of model railroads, scales and then building a 40 foot HO boxcar from a kit which was supplied by the Division. All scouts completed their kit, although this year was a little more challenging for the scouts and instructors, as while we purchased the same general boxcar kit, some kits were missing

parts and other kits used screws to hold on the coupler pins instead of the plastic pin shown in the instruction. My thanks to Bonnie Lette, Rick Kacprzak, and Bob Gittinger for helping at the tables. It was then time to move on and talk about railroad safety and signals. After lunch, the scouts were split into two groups, with one group heading out to the garden railroad and running a train using their newly learned knowledge about signals. The other group headed

in doors to view the modular layouts and run the switching layout, which was manned by Sam Monturi. The scouts then headed back to the classroom to learn about departments and jobs that are found on a railroad. Each of the 15 scouts ended the program after completing a quiz to test their knowledge and will be awarded the merit badge at a future troop meeting.



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Rail Fanning Day

at

The Western Reserve Railroad Association Painesville Depot



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

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



National Model Railroad Association Mid-Central Region – Division 5

Presents

Model Railroad Promotional Day

Learning

Model Railroad Basics

Saturday, November 3, 2012

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Admission is **FREE**



**Division 5 will be presenting classes on the following
Basics of Model Railroading:**

- Basic layout framing - your railroad support structure (Benchwork)
- Basics of laying Track - including the roadbed
- Simple wiring - to run your trains
- Basic Scenery - different construction techniques
- Basic Plastic Model Building - add that station or factory

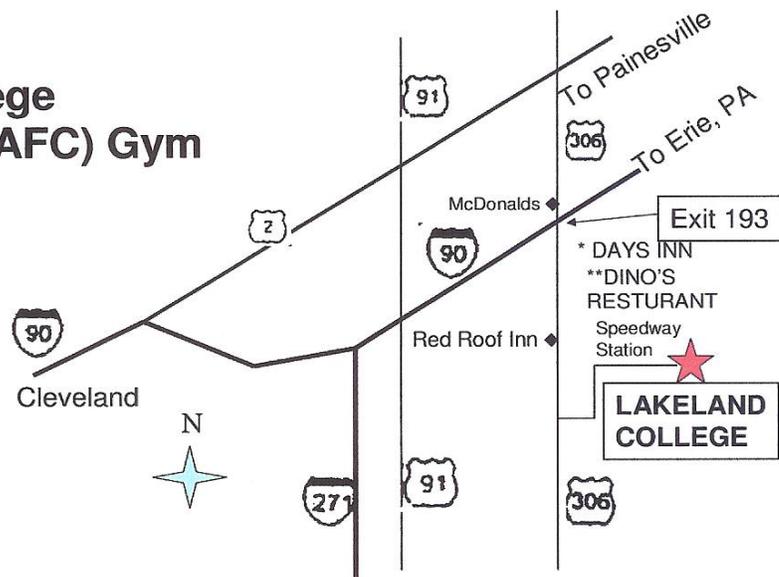
Attend one or all classes

**Lakeland Community College
Athletic & Fitness Center (AFC) Gym
7700 Clocktower Drive
Kirtland, Ohio 44094**

Note: Under the age of 15, must be accompanied by an adult.

Each Class is taught by experienced model railroader.

Bring your questions, Take home a wealth of knowledge.



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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.

**July Trainwire Deadline
June 20th.**

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