



The Trainwire.



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Message from the Superintendent.

Hi fellow model railroaders. My name is Rob Bowers. I received my first train 60 years ago. I have not built a full layout in all that time. Usually I get attracted to another scale or something else attracts my mind. I have seen skillful and genius layouts put together by the modelers in our division. How did you do that seems to be a common question to the builders of their projects. We have many avenues to see these projects and be able to ask them how the scenes or car constructions were completed. The level of skill needed to finish a model on occasions slow us down or we stop in frustration. Some of us have joined the NMRA to hear how and learn how others have com-

pleted their projects. For those of you reading this note, I invite you to join us at our meetings to see for yourself what your fellow modelers are doing and meet them face to face.

We have a promotional Day coming up in November, National Model Railroaders promotion month, to introduce new modelers to our hobby and to share our knowledge with each other. We could use your experience in helping us to put on these training sessions or displays. Or just help us meet and greet new modelers or those that have not gotten involved before or just time to talk to each other.

You could bring something that you feel especially proud to Bring and Brag anytime to share with us.

As your new Superintendent, I want to encourage everyone to become involved with our Division to expand our knowledge and have fun with someone who has our same interests. **Rob Bowers**



Rob Bowers – Superintendent
 Division 5
 NMRA – Mid Central Region

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!

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.

August 3rd, 2012

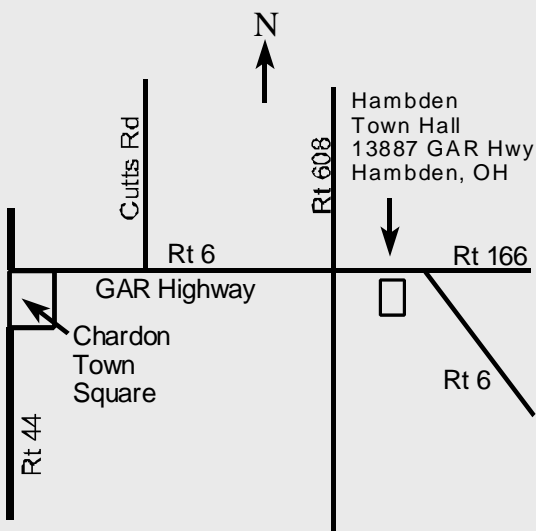
Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: Division Programs
Bring & Brag: "Gear Driven"

September 7th, 2012

Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: Freight car weathering (Joe Saunders)
Bring & Brag: "Structures from Northeast Ohio"

October 5th, 2012

Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: Making Sedum Trees
Bring & Brag: "Fall Colors (scenery)"



Map to Hambden Town Hall

SCHEDULED EVENTS

L.S. Live Steamers Public Run August 12
Penitentiary Glen Reservation
Kirtland, Ohio (1-3 pm)

Last Stop Willoughby August 18
Downtown Willoughby

BOD Meeting August 20
Hambden Town Hall
Hambden, Ohio

L.S. Live Steamers Public Run August 26
Penitentiary Glen Reservation
Kirtland, Ohio (1-3 pm)

Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge Association PSA

Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge Association Presents Cleveland's Back To School Train Show on Saturday, August 25, 2012. As the Train season starts back up, be sure to come to the First Train Show of the up coming season and find it items you have been looking for. Watch the trains run on operating layouts. This is an All Gauge show with over 150 tables being held at UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Admission is \$6.00 each, children under twelve is free. For addition information, call 216-662-6928 or 440-526-9864 or visit www.cvsnga.com

Assistant Superintendent's Report.

Programming----What do you want from *your* NMRA Division 5?

As we embark with new Division officers, directors, and appointed committee chairs, it is equally important to ask ourselves: "*What do we want from our Division*"? Especially in the area of meeting programs, what are we looking for? The average age of our routinely attending members is 65+, and probably those in that group have been railroad modelers for 30-40 even 50 years. We've '*been there, done that*'**or have we?** Like other areas of life, new ideas, techniques, and 'new stuff' are constantly emerging. Plus----we need to honor those a bit newer to the hobby who would like more information on some of the basic 'how-to's'. In fact, for our Division---and our hobby--- to survive, we need to attract new and younger members!

The 'program' for the August meeting is simply to discuss **WHAT DO YOU WANT TO HAVE FOR DIVISION MEETING PROGRAMS?** What are the specific modeling techniques and skills that you'd like to hear more about----and equally important, what skills/techniques/ideas can YOU share? They may be 'old hat' to you.....but a brand new idea to someone else. What's your hot button? Layout construction? Layout design? Operations? Scenery? DCC installation? DCC Programming? Layout lighting? Soldering? Scratch building? Structure kits? Locomotive repair? Signalling? Rock casting? Resin Casting? Steel mill? Logging? Mining? Farming? Track-laying? Hand-laid Turnouts? Air-brushing? Dairy? Chemical plants? Lettering/numbering Rolling stock? Railroad history, past and present? Want to hear from model railroad hobby manufacturers? Distributors? Retailers? The list of possibilities is long!

While I cannot be there for August meeting (*I'm at the NMRA in Grand Rapids*) I hope that you will have a lively and broad discussion on what programs you'd like to see. And by the way---much like other endeavors in our lives----we get out of anything what we put into it! So be thoughtful, be creative, and most of all, BE ACTIVE!

Dave Neff Assistant Superintendent.

Pictures from July Picnic.



Next Division 5 Meeting - August 3rd, 2012.

Division 5 BOD Minutes

July 17th, 2012 7:30 pm

Attended: Rob Bowers, Dave Neff, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Don Bittner, Dale Smith, Lenny Kessler, Ted Weise, Bob Frieden, Tom Pescha, Bob Gittinger

Rob discussed the membership roster and what the different abbreviations meant from National. Discussed what positions that needs to be filled. Rob has talked to some of the people that currently have an appointment and will be contacting more.

Discussed how we could improve with greeting new people/visitors. Possible idea is to have a Greeting Host for the evening. This does not need to be the same person each meeting, we could have someone different. With this they would take them under their wings to explain how the meeting works, where the restrooms are and answer any questions they might have.

August Membership meeting does not have a program so we will be having a discussion about what the membership would like to see or be done at future meetings.

Programs for September, October, & November are all setup and Lenny will be putting it in the Trainwire – Sept-Weathering Freight Cars, Oct – Sedum Trees, Nov- Cass, WV (History and railfanning)

A couple of our members have contacted a couple of venues in Ashtabula County for a possible future meeting. It will most likely be next year as we will need to plan and get things setup, plus we don't want to go during the winter months (*heart of the snowbelt*).

Loser Raffle was discussed and it was affirmed that the only winners can be Division 5 Members.

Trainwire – Schedule and possible articles were discussed

Promo Day – we would like to see more done. Along with having the freelance demonstrations all day – have a set time for each one. We need to promote it a lot at the different area functions and hobby stores.

Picnic – was held on July 7th at the Painesville Depot. It was a very HOT day and many came to enjoy the good food, socializing, railfanning and heat. The BOD wants to thank Tom P, Jim W, Bob F, the volunteers of the Painesville Depot and Bonnie L for all their hard work to make this an enjoyable and successful afternoon.

Submitted – **Bonnie Lette, Treasurer**

Cleveland's Back to School

Train Show

Saturday, August 25, 2012

UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130



10:00 am to 3:00 pm



Admission: \$6.00, Kids under twelve Free

This is an ALL Gauge Show with over 150 tables of trains and toys.

Don't miss the First Train Show of the Fall Season

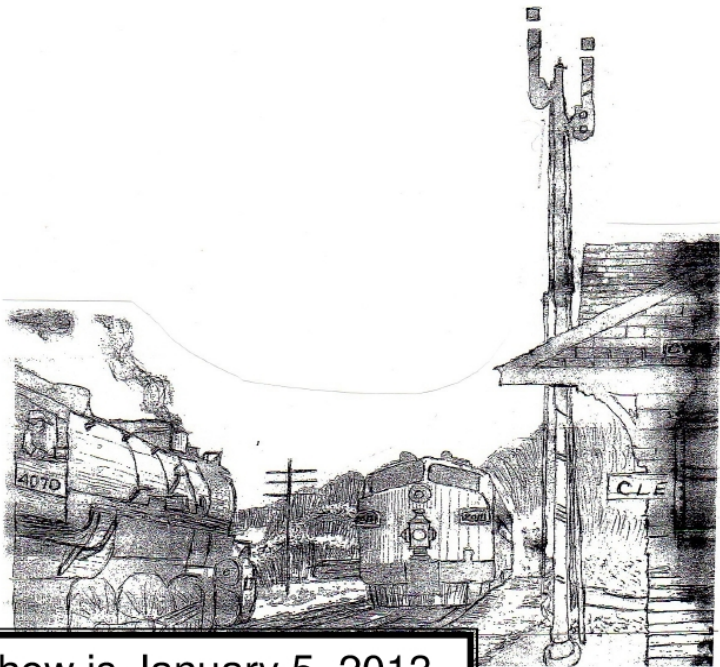
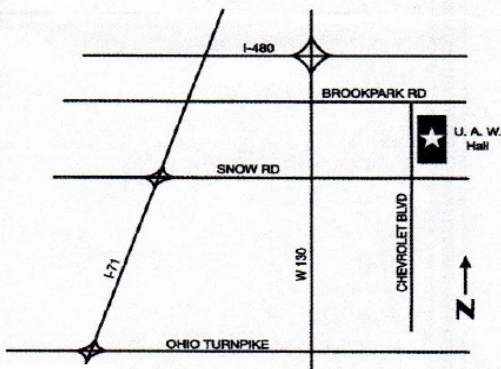
Operating Layout of several gauges

Good Food

Free Parking

For Table Info call:

216-662-6928 or 440-526-9864



Our next Train Show is January 5, 2013

Show sponsored by Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge Association (www.cvsga.com)

RailFanning Day

At

*The Western Reserve Railroad Association's
Painesville Depot*

Saturday, July 28, 2012 from 10:00am to 5:00pm



Spend a day *RailFanning* at the *Painesville Depot*.

The Depot opened in 1893 for the
Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Line.

Be sure to bring your camera and a CHAIR!

The depot is on the CSX Main Line -Mile Post 153.2-



Visit the historical Train Depot

The Painesville Depot

475 Railroad Street Painesville, Ohio 44077

Check us out on:

Facebook, YouTube (WRRRA1997), and www.painesvilledepot.org.

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



Carnival of Model Trains '12



**Saturday, October 6, 2012
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Sunday, October 7, 2012
11 am. – 4 p.m.**

**Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds – Berea, Ohio
164 Eastland Road, Berea, Ohio 44017**

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



- Free Parking
- 4 Buildings
- Over 60,000 sq. ft.
- Over 300 Dealer Tables
- Operating Displays
- Great Food
- Handicap Accessible
- ATM

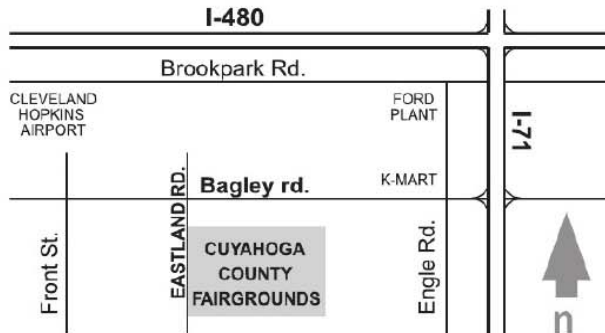
**Admission \$7.00
Under 16 Free with Adult
Special 2-Day Pass \$10.00**



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OUR 39TH YEAR!





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**

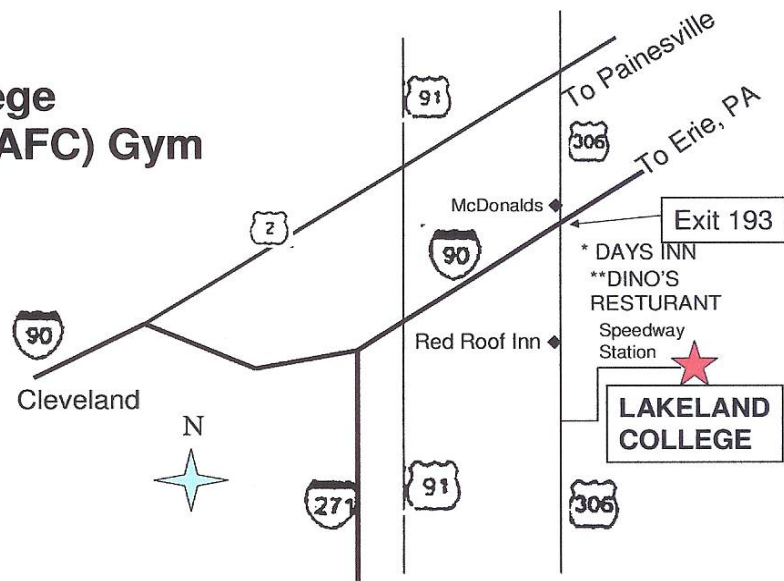


**Division 5 will be presenting classes on the following
Basics of Model Railroading:**

- 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.

For latest up to date info, check www.MCR5.org or email: promoday@mcr5.org

Model Railroad Swap Meet

Sponsored By

The Conneaut Historical Railroad Museum

Sunday Nov. 18, 2012

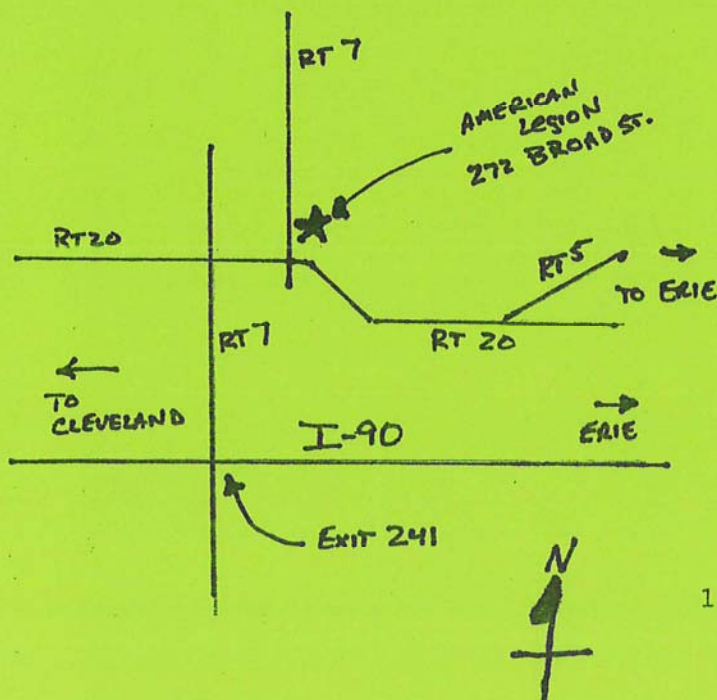
9am-3pm

Where: American Legion Post 151
272 Broad st.

Conneaut, Ohio 44030

(I-90 to Exit 241 Rt 7 N to Rt 20 E to NE corner of Rt
20 and Rt 7)

Admission: 2.00 (under 12 Free)



Dealer Info:

Tables: 8ft 20.00
(# of tables limited due to room size)

Contact: Jim Kociemski
702-592-0687
or Email:
modeltrainfixer@gmail.com

Please Respond by Oct 1, 2012

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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.

**September Trainwire Deadline
August 20th.**

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