



The Trainwire.



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Modeler's Corner.



Now that the summer is over and the weather is turning cold it is a fine time to return the unfinished projects on your model railroad layouts. On my layout the oil refinery has grabbed the spot light and is getting the most attention. As you can see

in the pictures, most of the structures have been completed and placed. There are still a few more buildings that have to be completed and added to make the complex complete. The refinery was designed and mostly built by one of the greatest modelers I know, Allen Arthur. Al has a

unique eye for imagining what is needed to make a good diorama or industrial complex into a fantastic display. Pictures or words cannot describe the little subtleties that Al brings to the project such as the additions he adds to a model he builds, the unique items he uses in his kitbashing



endeavors and his skill of using different scales to create an interesting view employing depth perception. I am very fortunate to have a great group of talented guys that enjoy getting together working and designing operations on my private Railroad Empire. I started the project four years

but I could *never* have gotten this far without the help of guys like Al Arthur, Rick Montgomery, John Metzger, Dave Hanna and Carl Neff. So if your layout is getting bogged down, invite friends with similar interests to come over and help or offer suggestions to get you back on track.

My refinery is a ways off from being completed, but it sure looks good right now and is a great addition to my industrial complex. Times waits for no man, so get started, holidays are coming and will be gone and before you know it, you will be back doing yard work. If you would like your project or

layout featured in the **Modeler's Corner** then takes plenty of pictures, write down some information on your project and send it to the Trainwire editor by email. Trainwire@mcr5.org

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.

November 2nd, 2012

Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: Cass Railroad (Dave Neff)
Bring & Brag: "Doodlebugs/RDCs"

December 7th, 2012

Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: TBA
Bring & Brag: "On-line Structures"

Division 5 Promo Day **November 3**
 Lakeland Community College
 Kirtland, Ohio 44094

2 Rail 'O' Scale Train Meet **November 3**
 Lakeland Community College
 Kirtland, Ohio 44094

BOD Meeting **November 19**
 Hambden Town Hall
 Hambden, Ohio

Country Lights **Nov. 30 - Dec. 2**
 Farmpark **December. 4 -23**
 Kirtland, Ohio 44094

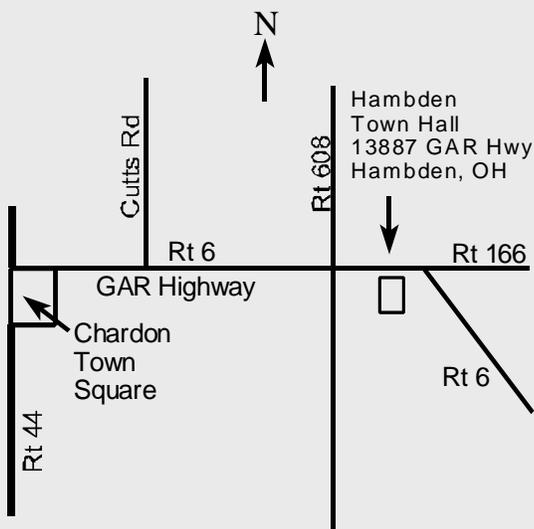
BOD Meeting **December 17**
 Hambden Town Hall
 Hambden, Ohio

The Youngstown Model Railroad Association 2012 Open House

When: November 3,4/10,11 & December 1,2/8,9
Where: Club location (751 N. Four Mile Run Rd. at the corner of Raccoon)
Time: 12:00 Noon - 6:00 PM
Donation: \$3.00 per person (Under 12 w/adult, free)

For more information please check out our web site@

www.ymra.org



Map to Hambden Town Hall

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2012 7:30 pm

Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Rob Bowers at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. There were 22 members and 6 guests present.

Rob Bowers provided an overview of the items discussed at the recent Mid Central Region BOD meeting.

A possible trip to tour a strip mine and processing plant southeast of Youngstown was proposed by Harley Smith. The trip would also include stops at a number of hobby shops on the way back. The proposed date is Saturday October 20 (later changed to October 27). Those interested in going are to meet at Harley's house at 8:00 am.

Reviewed the various **upcoming events** including Division 4's train show that weekend. Volunteers were requested to help with the NMRA recruiting table at the Division 4 show. Dick Roth presented the various excursions running on the Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad through the end of October.

Dick Roth reported that there was a theft of 130 pounds of green copper and rail from the railroads in the Titusville, PA area. The theft caused some signals to shutdown. Because of this, there is greatly increased surveillance by the railroads. NS, B&P, and OC&T railroads are now chasing railfans away.

Harley Smith proposed a possible program at his house sometime next spring. He still has lots of slides to show of Division 5 and the local railroads as they were in the past when Division 5 was first founded. Along with the slide program, the layout will be open for viewing.

Bring & Brag:

Matt Kross

Ken Stroebel

Bill Berger

Dick Roth

Linda Kacprzak

Question Period Topics:

No questions were presented. Those present were encouraged to look at the latest Trains magazine (November 2012) as it is filled with articles about how the prototype railroads work.

Program: "Trees From Seedum" by Pat Flash. Pat had a Power Point presentation showing the various steps he takes to make various shaped trees using dried Seedum as the base material. He had various examples that were passed around.

Business Meeting:

Treasurer Bonnie Lette indicated that we are financially solvent.

Budget requests for the **Division's 2013 budget** need to be submitted before the November Division 5 BOD meeting.

Need people to signup to help with **Promo Day on November 3**. A signup sheet was passed around at the meeting. Promo Day is open to the public from 9 am to 2 pm. We can get in as early as 7 am to set up.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Division 5 BOD Minutes

October 15, 2012 7:30 pm

A **Division 5 BOD** meeting was held on October 15, 2012 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Rob Bowers, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Don Bittner, Matt Kross, Bob Frieden, Tom Pescha, Bob Gittinger, Ted Wiese, and Dave Neff.

Dick Roth will present a clinic on scenery at the April 2013 meeting. He has another clinic on detailing structure interiors that will be presented sometime in the Fall of 2013.

Reviewed results of **Division 4's** recent train show and looked at ways we can use that information to improve Division 5's Railfest.

Update on **Railfest 2013** planning was provided by Tom Pescha. They are discussing a number of new ideas including having a Saturday evening buffet dinner for the vendors (and anyone else who wants to participate) in the main cafeteria of the college. They are also looking at regulating some of the parking areas to make it easier for vehicle loading Sunday evening. They have been talking with the college's food concession manager about improvements to the concession stand and having the college provide the donuts/coffee during setup. The college would like to get more involved with this aspect and improve concession profits.

We have most of the needed areas covered for **Promo Day** except for a demo on basic wiring. We could use more general helpers for the day. Promo Day is open to the public from 9 am to 2 pm. We can get into the college as early as 7 am for setup. We will need to setup the tables and chairs for the various demo areas. The various clinicians will need to get there demonstrations ready to go by 9 am.

Several people reported back on the **I-Hobby show** that was held at the I-X Center recently. There were various issues with the show and the reports back were that the show was disappointing. This is not a show that is really meant for the public. It is a hobby manufacturers show to display new merchandise that is available to hobby shops and distributors. The show is normally held in Chicago. They tried Cleveland this year and supposedly the show will be back in Cleveland next year.

There was discussion about which **Division 5 functions** non-members were permitted to participate in and receive Division certificates. Non-members are permitted to participate in the paid raffle and the Bring & Brag. They will receive Division 5 certificates. Non-members are excluded from the annual Losers Raffle.

It was noted that the Division does have a **donation receipt form** for anyone donating items to the Division and needing a receipt to claim the donation on their federal taxes.

The BOD approved continuing the work on a **new Division model railroad car** but requested the car project coordinators to provide a timeline and a detailed plan by the January 2013 BOD meeting. Information requested needs to include car design, scale, name, existing model to be used, and costs.

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Division 5 BOD Minutes cont.....

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The BOD reviewed the proposed **2013 budget** per the budget requests received to date. The budget will be finalized at the November 2012 BOD meeting.

Dale Smith is looking into options for the **January Holiday Party**.

A suggestion was made that, during the **Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge workshop**, we offer the scouts the option of receiving one of our N-scale WRRR reefers along with the HO car that they assemble if the scout has N-scale at home.

Mike Buehner will take on the duties for the Achievement Program coordinator and the Layout Tours coordinator.

Next **Division 5 BOD meeting** will be November 19, 2012 at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

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!

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Layout Tours	(Open Position)	

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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.

**December Trainwire Deadline
November 20th.**

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Learning Basic Model Railroading

Saturday, November 3, 2012

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Admission is **FREE** * **Public is welcome**



Model Railroad Basics

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

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

Attend one or all classes

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

- Non-members are **Welcome**
- 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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2-Rail "O" SCALE TRAIN MEET

BUY * SELL * TRADE

Saturday, November 3, 2012

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Admission: \$7.00 * 12 & under and Active Military Personal with ID Free

LAKELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Athletic & Fitness Center (AFC) Auxiliary Gym
7700 Clocktower Drive
Kirtland, Ohio 44094
I-90 and Rt. 306 (exit 193, S.C. Corner)

Web Page www.cleveshows.com
email: jl1d464@yahoo.com

Public Welcome

Free Parking * 24 Hour Security



2 - RAIL "O" SCALE ONLY
PLEASE - NO TINPLATE - HI RAIL OR OTHER GAGUES ALLOWED

Dealer Redeemable this Show
\$25.00 Door Prize Certificate
Drawings at 10am, 11:30 am, 1 pm



Layout Tours

Visit 2 rail "O" Scale layouts after the show. Contact Sam for reservations at 440-248-3055

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

THOSE INTERESTED IN THE 2-RAIL DINNER FRIDAY NITE @ DINO'S, CALL ME AT 440-248-3055
WILL HAVE LOAD IN & LOAD OUT CREW ● COFFEE AND DONUTS IN MORNING COURTESY OF PROMOTOR