



# The Trainwire.



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## Superintendent's Report.

**M**odel railroad- ing needs your help! Model railroading has the potential to build cities, waterfronts, coaling facilities and small towns . Modelers can select the time frame, certain scenes and train consists. We can build from scratch, kits or plans. Modelers can make the project pristine or very basic. One gentleman has built a roundhouse for his train collection. My point is we have no limits as to what we want to build. We can do accurate details from accurate scenes or produce train scenes from our own mind. Remember you are the design engineer. If anyone tells you that your scene is wrong in anyway, tell them that this is how the design engineer designed this scene.

**D**ivision Five is now in full charge into **RAILFEST Season**. This is our time to purchase design, redesign to meet our design needs, or, we can forget all plans once we see something we cannot live without. All Division Five members have the opportunity to help during **RAILFEST**. What a bargain for all members to help all three days and get a first- hand look at all there is to see and do. You can ask questions, answer questions and share stories with fellow modelers. Model railroading needs your help!

*Rob Bowers*  
**Superintendent**



Rob Bowers – Superintendent  
 Division 5  
 NMRA – Mid Central Region



## 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.

### March 1st, 2013

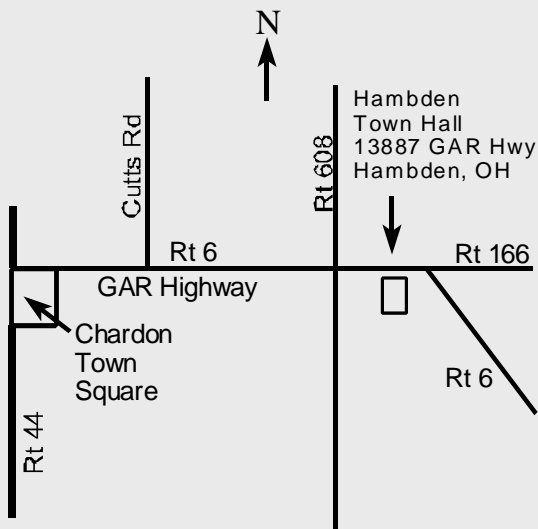
**Location:** Hambden Town Hall  
**Program:** Model RR's of Pacific Northwest (Ken Stroebel)  
**Bring & Brag:** Favorite Photo of your railroad layout

### April 5th, 2013

**Location:** Hambden Town Hall  
**Program:** Building / Decorating a DPM Structure (Dick Roth)  
**Bring & Brag:** Structure that You have Built with Extra Detail (decals, roof vents, vines, etc)

### May 3rd, 2013

**Location:** Farmpark Kirtland, Ohio  
**Program:** Locomotive Repair (Frank Bongiovanni of Div. 4)  
**Bring & Brag:** Locomotives that you have repaired or super-detailed.



Map to Hambden Town Hall

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

|  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| <b>Erie Pa Railroadiana</b><br>Rainbow Gardens-Waldameer Park<br>(Flyer on page 11)                | <b>March 3</b>               |
| <b>RAILFEST 2013</b><br>Lakeland Community College<br>Kirtland, Ohio 44094                         | <b>March 16 &amp; 17</b>     |
| <b>BOD Meeting</b><br>Hambden Town Hall<br>Hambden, Ohio   | <b>March 18</b>              |
| <b>BOD Meeting</b><br>(NEW MEETING DATE)<br>Hambden Town Hall<br>Hambden, Ohio                     | <b>April 8</b>               |
| <b>Railroads in the Park</b><br>(Boy Scout Merit Badge)<br>Farmpark<br>Kirtland, Ohio (9am to 5pm) | <b>May 3 thru 5</b><br>May 4 |
| <b>Railfanning Day</b><br>Painesville Depot<br>Painesville, Ohio 44077                             | <b>May 11</b>                |

# Division 5 BOD Meeting

February 18, 2013 7:30 pm

**Attendees:** Rob Bowers, Dave Neff, Bob Gittinger, Don Bittner, Tom Pescha, Lenny Kessler, Wayne & Bonnie Lette, Bob Frieden

**Discussion** of the different articles and newsletters from other divisions in the Mid-Central Region, plus the schedule of events that MCR sent to the superintendents. Bonnie has put all these events on the MCR5.org calendar of events.

Rob brought up that a change in the **BOD meeting day** would be helpful for the Trainwire editor to get the Trainwire out in a timely manner. Many months the BOD meeting conflicts with the deadline of the 20<sup>th</sup> for the Trainwire articles. Dave Neff motioned to change the BOD meetings from the third Monday of the month to the second Monday of the month starting in April 2013. Wayne 2<sup>nd</sup> – all agreed.

**March Program** – Ken Stroebel – Model Railroad in the Pacific Mid-West

**March Bring-N-Brag** – favorite photo of your layout or a layout you have visited

**Because of the cancelation** of our February meeting the February Program and Bring-N-Brag will be at the May meeting at Lake Farm Park. The May Program and Bring-N-Brag will be moved to the September meeting.

**Advertising of our division** – Dave Neff motioned to have the division be on Facebook advertising Model Railroading in Northeast Ohio. It will have our webpage address and a few pictures. This will not be used as communications but as advertising that we exist. Tom Pescha 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – Wayne will present the initial layout of this page for the BOD to approve.

Tom Pescha brought up that a **U-Tube Channel** would be something helpful for the division to get exposure. This has been postponed till next meeting for future discussion.

**Boy Scout Merit Badge** – Rob to contact Andy Baker to find out how many cars will be needed this year.

**Meeting Cancelations** – If the weather is questionable; check the website. Tom Pescha will get us signed up with Channel 3 & Channel 5 to be able to put cancelation on the crawler at the bottom of the screen like they do for school closings

**Railfest** – Jim reported that everything is moving along. Volunteers are needed for various jobs, contact Jim if there is a job you would like to do. Box Lunches for Saturday and Sunday are available for the workers too, not just for the vendors. The Saturday night buffet is available for the workers too. Let Jim know if you are interested. There is a form on the website – Railfest.org. The cut-off date is March 4th

**Railfest schedule** for the times before the show opens.

**Thursday** – Room & Table setup and covering 2:00 PM till it is done

**Friday** – doors open at Noon to finish getting ready for the vendors and help move the vendors in and modular groups to setup

**Saturday** – doors open to the lobby entry area will be at 7:00 AM – room doors will not open until there are enough Division 5 volunteers to man the rooms for the vendors to go in and finish setup.

**Sunday** – doors open to the lobby area will be at 8:00 AM – room doors will not open until there are enough Division 5 volunteers to man the rooms for the vendors to go in and finish setup.

# Model Railroads of the Pacific.

**M**arch's program will be presented by Ken Stroebel and will be a slideshow presenting three layouts found in the Tacoma, Washington area. The Pacific Northwest has many fine model railroaders, as those who may have attended the 2004 NMRA National Convention would have seen or alternatively you may have seen featured in various model railroading magazines. During a recent business trip to WA, I had the opportunity to visit three model railroads. My journey will start with a modular layout featured in the basement of the former freight house of the Milwaukee Road, include a visit to Kevin Klettke's Washington Northern pike (featured in the Nov 2010 Model Railroad Hobbyist magazine) and conclude with the Washington State History Museum's 20 ft by 60 ft computer controlled model railroad. If you like modeling such features as waterfronts, bridges, paper mills, old buildings, etc., you won't want to miss some of these great model railroads. - *Kenneth Stroebel*

# Railfest 2013 Buffet Dinner.

**T**his year Railfest is having a Buffet Dinner at Lakeland Breakers (main Cafeteria) after the show on Saturday, March 16, 2013.

This will be a great time to socialize with other train guys and gals. After all, we all have one thing in common, **TRAINS.**

This dinner is **open** to the Public. You do **NOT** have to be a Division 5 member or a vendor at Railfest to come to the dinner.

Dinner will be a **buffet style** sit down dinner. It will be held in the main cafeteria of the College on Saturday after the show. The Tables will be dressed up by having linen table clothes and napkins.

## Dinner will be:

Toss Salad, Roll & Butter  
 Beef Tips with Brown Gravy,  
 Chicken with light sauce,  
 Rigatoni,  
 Green beans,  
 Starch-Red-Skinned Potatoes,  
 Chocolate / White Cake  
 Coffee, Ice Tea, Lemonade, Water, or Pop.

**All this for just \$18.00 each.**

Please mark your choices with number of items & RSVP with payment by March 4, 2013 to Railfest 2013, PO Box 5081, Mentor, Ohio 44060.

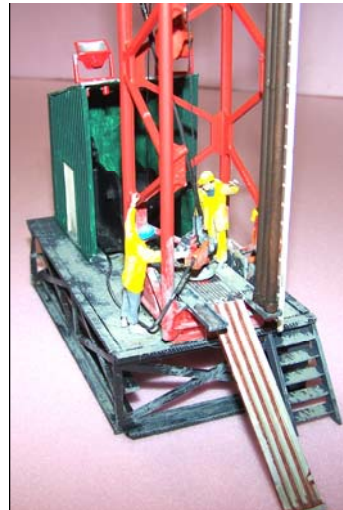
We need your **RSVP** by March 4 to know if we can go forward with this event.

# Modeler's Corner.

This is an "O" scale drilling rig that originated in my mind when I was given a damaged "O" scale crane boom section from Don Akins. After examining it a little closer, I decided that it would make a great drilling rig model. It is actually a little too small for an "O" scale layout but it is way too big for an "HO" layout or diorama. The base of this model was made from pieces of "HO" train bridges. The shed is pieced together with evergreen

siding. The hoist rig inside is a set of drums from an "HO" railroad crane and the pipes are plastic tubing. The hoist block is homemade from plastic and one-eighth washers. People, ladders and railings complete the model and bring it to life. It was a fun project that didn't take that long to complete and will look great on Don's "O" scale layout. The rail cars that you will probably find around this model would be flat cars, gondolas and tank cars.   
- Alan Arthur

This was one of Alan Arthur's latest projects, what are you working on? If you would like your project featured in the **Modeler's Corner** then take plenty of pictures, write down some information on your project and send it to the Trainwire editor by email.   
- 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  
Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters

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



*Please support these dealers!*



# Railfest 2013



Saturday and Sunday  
March 16 & 17, 2013  
10 am to 4 pm  
Model Railroad Show



**Use the Luck of the Irish and find your Pot of Gold filled with your Train Treasures, and hard to find items.**

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

Lakeland Community College  
Kirtland, Ohio 44094  
State Rt. 306 at Interstate 90 – exit 193

### Operating Layouts

N Scale Layouts

HO Scale layout

S Scale & American  
Flyer  
(Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge  
Association)

Lionel O Gauge  
LGB G Gauge

Live Steam Display  
(Lake Shore Live Steam)

### Features

Dealers

RR Flea market

Exhibitors

Operating Layouts

Video Tapes  
Historical Displays  
Train Ride Info

Food Service  
Available

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| Admission        | \$7.00  |
| Two Day Pass     | \$12.00 |
| Family (couples) | \$12.00 |
| Family (max)     | \$12.00 |

*(Adults with Children under 18)*

Food Service Available with seasonal specials

**The Best & Largest  
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9:30am – 4:30pm**

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| Layout Tours          | (Open Position) |  |

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# Wanted

**T**he 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.

**April Trainwire Deadline  
May 20th.**

# The Trainwire Newsletter

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# Railfest 2013

## Box Lunch and



## Box Lunch

## Buffet Dinner

This year we will have a choice of Box Lunches that will be delivered to the vendors tables.

Choice of:

- 1. Italian Sub
- 2. Turkey & Cheese on Kaiser roll
- 3. Veggie Wrap



Sides choice of: A. Potato Salad B. Pasta Salad

All Box Lunches include chips and a cookie for only **\$6.00 each**

## Dinner

**Dinner from 4:30 to 8:00 pm**  
Buffet will be from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
Located in the Breakers Cafeteria at Lakeland



Dinner will be a **buffet style** sit down dinner. It will be held in the main cafeteria of the College on Saturday after the show. Tables will have linen table clothes and napkins.

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- Green beans,
- Starch-Red-Skinned Potatoes,
- Chocolate / White Cake including Coffee, Ice Tea, Lemonade, Water, or Pop.



**All this for just \$18.00 each.** Please mark your choices with number of items & RSVP with payment by March 7, 2013 to Railfest 2013, PO Box 5081, Mentor, Ohio 44060.

### Box Lunch / Dinner Order Form

Business Name / Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### SATURDAY

Box Lunch: Italian Sub \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey & Cheese \_\_\_\_\_ Veggie Wrap \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of Potato Salad \_\_\_\_\_ or Pasta Salad \_\_\_\_\_

#### SUNDAY

Italian Sub \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey & Cheese \_\_\_\_\_ Veggie Wrap \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of Potato Salad \_\_\_\_\_ or Pasta Salad \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ PD \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CK# \_\_\_\_\_

For Server / Delivery Use:

Location & Table Number: \_\_\_\_\_

(To be completed by others)

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# RailFanning Day



at

## The Western Reserve Railroad Association

# Painesville Depot

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

Spend a day *RailFanning* at the Painesville Depot

### Visit this Historical Train Depot



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

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

Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013

Saturday, May 11, 2013

Saturday, July 27, 2013

Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013



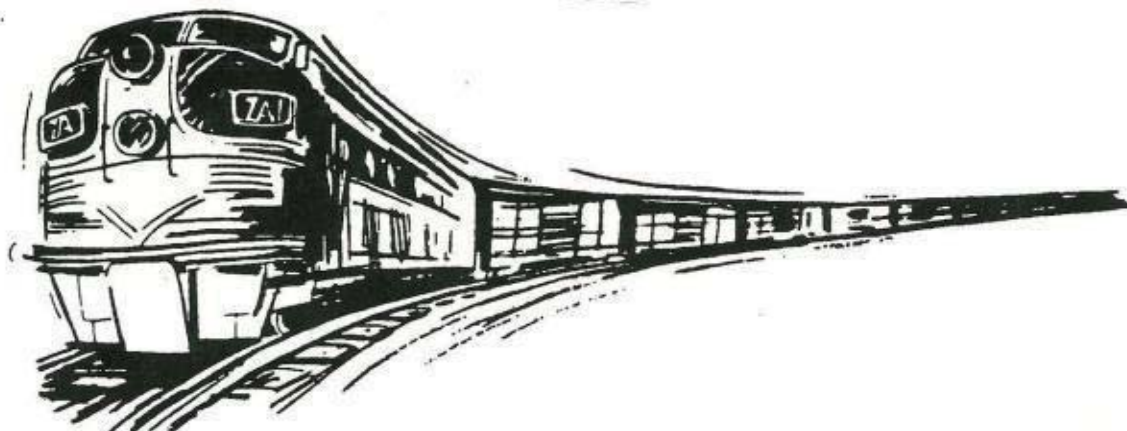
10:00 am to 5:00 pm



*Be sure to bring your Camera and a CHAIR!*  
Food and Drinks available



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# ERIE PA RAILROADIANA AND MODEL TRAIN SHOW

## SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2013

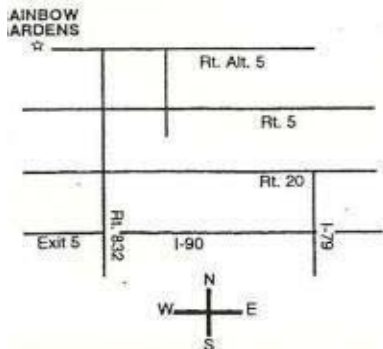
### RAINBOW GARDENS - WALDAMEER PARK

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| FROM PITTSBURGH: | Take I-79 to Rt. 90 West to 832 North to Alt. 5 West   |
| FROM BUFFALO:    | Take I-90 West to 832 North to Alt. 5 West   |
| FROM CLEVELAND:  | Take I-90 East to 832 North to Alt. 5 West   |
| FROM RT. 5:      | Take Rt. Alt. 5 turn left go 1/4 mile, turn right and drive through the arches marked Rainbow Gardens. |

## DOOR PRIZE

—ADMISSION—

Adults — **\$4.00** Senior Citizens & Students 12-18 — **\$3.00**  
Under 12 accompanied by an adult *FREE*



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