



The Trainwire.



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Superintendent's Report.

All of us join a group or an organization because we want to... somebody leads, somebody follows. We are organized at Division 5 NMRA. We follow the rules as set by the National Rules of NMRA. These rules can be questioned and they are.

Division Five has Rules. These rules are challenged also.

Many years ago, the Division set aside the Division Board of Directors meetings to a separate meeting date from the General Meeting. Most members were interested in model railroading activities, more than business activities. Both of these activities are important to the health of the Division.

All of us belong to both activities. That is how we learn and expand the Hobby! We also plan the activities that will expand our knowledge of model railroading.

The Board of Directors is always looking for ways to increase our membership total. Exposure is one way and, we do this with Railfest. Involvement of the community is done in many ways: Model railroad promotional day, Promo day. We assist Lake Farm Parks with Raildays at the Farm-park helping the Boy Scouts build model railroad cars. We shall shortly receive cars to sell with a fallen flag of a nearby railroad.

We are always receiving suggestions to travel on a one day excursion. Friends, we need a minimum of 45 people to rent a bus. We have many options for close group activities. Friends, we need more than 5 to 10 people to do this. If you have any suggestions for a trip, please step forward with details on where and how we get there and perhaps be the tour guide.

Somebody has stepped forward for a visit to the Painesville Train Station.



Rob Bowers – Superintendent
 Division 5
 NMRA – Mid Central Region

We will be going to Jamestown, NY through another's effort.

One complaint we most often hear is that no one says HI. Please wear your name tag at all functions and say HI to old and new members and visitors.

Happy Rails to you.

Rob Bowers



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 2nd, 2013

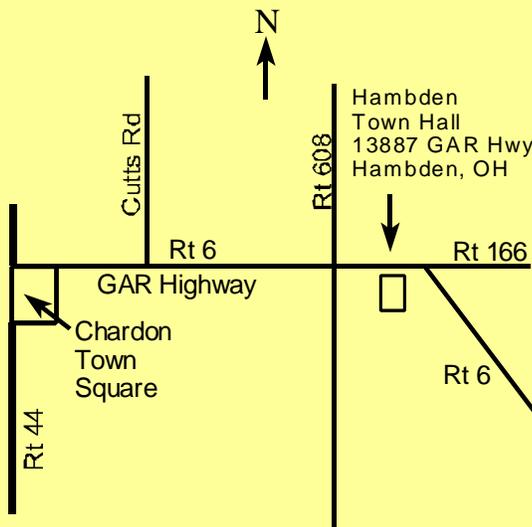
Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: Nickel Plate (Gary Shaffer)
 Bring & Brag: Rolling stock, especially gondolas, reefers, Unusual.

September 6th, 2013

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: Mold making
 Bring & Brag: Cast of all kinds, (*excluding rocks.*)

October 4th, 2013

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: TBA
 Bring & Brag: .TBA



Map to Hambden Town Hall

SCHEDULED EVENTS

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| Division 5 Picnic
Painesville Depot
Painesville, Ohio (<i>See flyer</i>) | August 3 |
| Operating Session
Chadakoin Valley RR.
Jamestown, New York (<i>see page 1</i>) | August 10 |
| LENS Modules
Perry Library
Perry, Ohio | August 15-16-17 |
| Last Stop Willoughby
Downtown Willoughby
Willoughby, Ohio | August 17 |
| Modular Group Fundraiser
Stadium Grill, 8330 Tyler Blvd.
Mentor, Ohio | August 26 |
| Railfanning Day
Painesville Depot
Painesville, Ohio (<i>See flyer</i>) | October 12 |

The Modular Group is organizing a pasta dinner fundraiser. Details in flyer on page 6.
 Please support this event.

Division 5 BOD Meeting

July 8, 2013 7:30 pm

A **Division 5 BOD meeting** was held on July 8, 2013 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Rob Bowers, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Matt Kross, Bob Frieden, Bob Gittinger, Tom Pescha, Don Bittner, and Dale Smith.

It was noted that the HO module group has adopted the name **Lake Geauga HO Modular Group**.

The BOD had some general discussion and brainstorming regarding increasing membership.

Since we have not had any one come forward with questions during our **Questions & Answers Period** at the meetings, it was suggested that we should have some prepared questions to use to get things rolling. Another possibility would be to have a Topic Of The Month for people to provide input on during the meeting. We should also encourage members to submit written questions.

We need to make sure **visitors and new members** get a nametag so that people can greet them by name.

Bob Frieden and Jim Wendorf are coordinating the food for **the Division picnic**.

Dennis Lloyd may not be available to conduct this year's audits. **Matt Kross** will conduct them this year. We will check to see if Tony Spena is available to help, if not, Bob Gittinger and Dale Smith volunteered to be alternate auditors.

Division 4 is looking for help manning the **NMRA membership table** during their train show in Berea.

The next **Division 5 BOD meeting** will be August 12, 2013 at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

NMRA National Convention in Atlanta.

Just returned from this year's convention in 'Hotlanta'. Fortunately, except for tours, all activities were in the greatly air-conditioned Renaissance Waverly in Marietta Georgia. It's a fabulous hotel, with adjacent Galleria with meeting rooms and exhibition hall where the National Train Show was held Friday-Sat-Sun.

Our Division was represented by Dale Smith, Sam Monturi, and myself. There were also five members from Division 4 and three from Division 1, and we spent good time manning our convention table for next year. Answered many questions, and wrote

up nearly 150 new registrations. There is much interest in coming to Cleveland, and many have heard of the Age of Steam Roundhouse.

Overall, the convention was very well run. Being Clinic chairman for next year, I obviously observed very closely the room setups, A/V equipment, and overall clinic logistics. There were many good clinics presented with a variety of historical, prototypical, and technical how-to presentations. Of course the standard 'Modeling With the Masters' clinics were also presented. I presented a clinic on Design Elements and Structures for Engine Service Ter-

minals, which is intended to be part of the new NMRA Education and Training program (learned it will name-morph into 'EduTrain' soon).

However, Dale Smith, our 2014 Auction chairman, won the prize for herculean effort. The Silent Auction had nearly 1600 items, and at closing (6 p.m. sharp on Wednesday), the Auction Committee, including Dale, commenced to spend *twelve (12) solid hours* doing all of the buy-sell reconciliation, finishing only at 6 a.m. Thursday morning!!! So when Dale asks you for help next July----give generously of your time!!!!

The layout tours (I went on two) were well run and I saw some very good N and HO layouts, as I'm sure others did as well. General tours included the standard Coca Cola, and a Delta Airlines tour which Sam went on which was very good. We were told that the clinics and activities for the women went well. Operating sessions were also very popular. A relatively new (?) Special Interest Group/Clinic Track featuring the Civil War and Railroads was well received, with an S scale diorama featuring a Union-occupied Virginia town.

There were many modular layouts

in the National Train Show in all scales (O through Z) which were of very good quality and ran well. The usual manufacturers were there (Atlas, Athern, Digitrax, Bachmann, Woodland Scenics, etc.) Several vendors displayed a wide variety of HO and N locomotives and rolling stock.

Overall convention registration was nearly 1400 and I'm sure this convention was a rousing success. Ours next year promises to be even better as we have many more industrial and prototype tours to offer, and our clinic program will be equally broad---I have over 125 committed so far. Our only hurdles are the two convention

hotels which are separate from the convention center where the convention will be held prior to the train show, and of course the parking----but that will be true for any and all conventions in Cleveland, and I surely believe this issue will be firmly addressed and resolved in reasonable fashion prior to next July. That won't mean *free*, but I do think there will be easier public transport get from some parking lots to the convention center.

We'll deliver more 2014 Convention News during the coming months!

Dave

Condolences to the Lloyd Family.

Long time Division 5 member Dennis Lloyd lost his wife Joyce after a long battle with cancer. Our deepest sympathies go out to Dennis and his family on their loss.

Joyce Ann Lloyd, 66, of Painesville, died peacefully July 8, 2013, after a seven-year battle with cancer. Born near Pittsburgh, Pa., in West Deer Township on August 15, 1946. Joyce was a retired educator who

taught at Hale Road and St. Mary Schools. She also served as a librarian and worked with the elderly at several area assisted living homes. She was an active parishioner of St. Mary Church in Painesville and served with the Brother Jacopo Fraternity of Secular Franciscans for over 20 years.

Survivors include her devoted spouse, Dennis Lloyd, whom she married on March 21, 1970; two children,

Marianne (Robert Ristuccia) Lloyd of Maplewood, N.J., and Richard (Diane) Lloyd of Eastlake; three grandchildren, Nina Lloyd, Eloise Lloyd and Joyce Ristucci; sister, Marianne (Richard) Dickson of Dayton; and twin brother, Henry (Pamela) Boch of Indianapolis, Indiana. There was a Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday, July 11, 2013, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Painesville, Ohio. May she rest in peace in the arms of the Lord.

Editorial.

I have been to several Division 5 Board meetings where promoting the model railroading hobby has been discussed. It is my opinion that next to Railfest, the best promotion of the hobby was the Division's mobile traveling modules. Due to the lack of participation and a hodgepodge of disagreements, the division decided to

dispose of said modules. Fortunately, a small group of division members have stepped up to save this tradition. This group of individuals is now known as the **Lake-Geauga HO Modular Group**, separate from Division 5. They are headquartered at Farmpark where they meet twice a month on Tuesday. Because of the poor condition of the

existing components, the group is in the process of replacing all of the current units. If you are interested in such a large project and have the desire to put your own ideas on to a module that will be an active part of an operating display, now is the time to make that move. This is an ideal project for the modeler that doesn't have the room or the money to take on such a huge project on

their own. This is an expensive endeavor and the group relies on donations and fundraising. If you can not join at the present time, please support this group's pasta fundraiser on Monday August 26th at the Stadium Grill on Tyler Blvd. in Mentor (*see flyer on page 6*). If you were looking for a good reason to get involved in the hobby, it's knocking on your door right now! - *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!

Pasta Dinner Fundraiser



August 26, 2013 5 pm - 9 pm

Stadium Grill
8330 Tyler Blvd.
Mentor, Ohio 44060



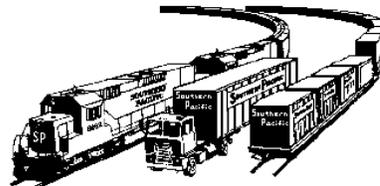
Menu:

- Rigatoni and Meat Balls
- Dinner Rolls and Salad
- Drinks available from cash bar (not included)



Price:

Adults: \$10.00 each, pre-sale \$8.00
Children under 14 \$3.00, under 5 Free



Sponsor by: Lake – Geauga HO Modular Group
Based at Lake Farm Park



For more information contact: Lenny Kessler at 440-478-6661

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JULY 13-20, 2014**

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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Div. 5 Picnic



Saturday, August 3, 2013
2:00pm to 6:00pm

At

The Painesville Depot

475 Railroad Street

Painesville, Ohio 44077

www.painesvilledepot.org

Driving directions

Exit Rt 2 at Richmond Street, South one block to Chester,
 East on Chester to N. State Street,
 South on N. State Street (under the RR bridge),
 East on Railroad Street to Depot



Join in on good fellowship and railfanning!



Menu:

Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs
 Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, Coleslaw, Chips
 Hobo Beans,
 Desert
 Pop & water



Food is being provide by Div. 5

Admission: **Free** to all Div 5 members and immediate family.

RSVP by July 24, 2013 to Bonnie at:
 (440) 298-3075 or send an e-mail to Treasurer@MCR5.org



Be sure to bring your Camera and a CHAIR!

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, 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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