



The Trainwire.



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Gimbling in the Wabe.

Ah the mind is a strange beast.... especially when it comes to conjuring up ideas for an article at the last minute for the Trainwire! But here goes.....

Surely all of us have some special skill, even ever so small, that we truly believe we excel at in our model railroad kingdom. We're either too embarrassed to share that skill, or maybe we undervalue it, scoffing that no one else would be interested in MY technique---but demonstrating that skill to others could be just the thing to launch someone else's confidence in learning and building upon that skill. So how do

we bring this out? I'm suggesting for one of our monthly programs, a 'multi-station workshop', perhaps three, four, six 'stations' (ie tables) in which everyone can choose, and wander 'round one of these to view hands-on demos, and maybe also participate. Sort of like our Promo day venues. Does anyone like this idea? Possibilities include decaling, decoder installation, soldering, different techniques for laser kit window installation, weathering, ballasting, coupler installation, etc., etc. While all of us will in conversation profess to be 'expert' in many or even all of these---surely that's

just being boastful. And why not learn from each other within our Division? Outside speakers are great, but they are often no more 'expert' than we ourselves--they just present an outsider's point of view. Which is certainly very desirable, to be sure.

Let's talk further about this at our next meeting. And oh, by the way, 'gimbling in the wabe' is "jabberwocky" for prancing around in one's mind in a fanciful way, sort of. (Credits to Alice in Wonderland).

Dave Neff



Businesses Accepting Division 5 Certificates

The businesses listed below are currently accepting Division 5's award certificates:



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 Hobby Town USA
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 Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters

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



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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.

September 6th, 2013

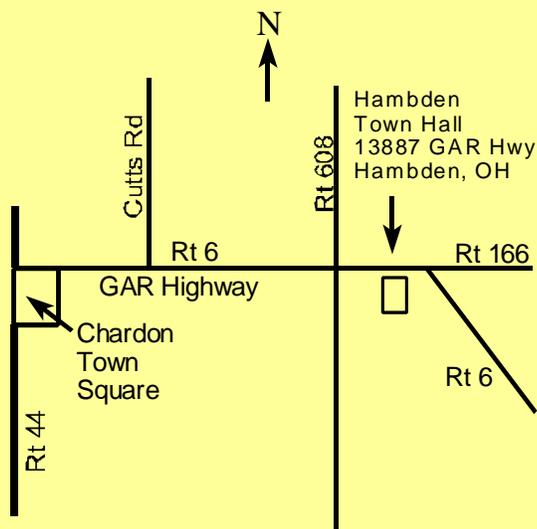
Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: Mold making (*Ken Izzo*)
 Bring & Brag: Cast of all kinds, (*excluding rocks.*)

October 4th, 2013

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: Designs for an engine service terminal (*Dave Neff*)
 Bring & Brag: Anything electrical (handcrafted signals, crossings, lighted rolling stock etc.)

November 1st, 2013

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: Basic DCC (*Lee Sheffield*)
 Bring & Brag: M.O.W. (maintenance of way) and unusual rolling stock



Map to Hambden Town Hall

SCHEDULED EVENTS

L.S. Live Steamers Public Run **September 8**
 Penitentiary Glen Reservation
 Kirtland, Ohio (1 - 3pm)

BOD Meeting **September 9**
 Hambden Town Hall
 Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)

L.S. Live Steamers Public Run **September 22**
 Penitentiary Glen Reservation
 Kirtland, Ohio (1 - 3pm)

Carnival of Trains "13" **October 5 - 6**
 Cuyahoga Fairgrounds
 Berea, Ohio 44017 (10am-5pm) (11am-4pm)
 (See flyer on webpage)

L.S. Live Steamers Public Run **October 6**
 Penitentiary Glen Reservation
 Kirtland, Ohio (1 - 3pm)

Railfanning Day **October 12**
 Painesville Depot
 Painesville, Ohio (10am-5pm)
 (See flyer on webpage)

L.S. Live Steamers "Hobo Stew Dinner" **October 12**
 Penitentiary Glen Reservation
 Kirtland, Ohio (5 pm)

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Rob Bowers at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. There were 27 members and 8 guests present.

Communications: Some errors were noted in the Trainwire. The Medina 4H Club will have a 12ft x 60ft modular layout at the Medina County Fair. The modules were all constructed by the 4H members through the sponsorship of Division 4.

Chuck Kline, co-chairman of the 2014 national convention, gave us an update of what was going on with the convention planning. He showed samples of the HO convention car, a Newburg & South Shore hopper car. Dave Neff said he is working on getting an N scale version of the car made for sale at the convention.

A suggestion was made for a **trip to Washington, PA** to visit the trolley museum there but not much interest was shown by those in attendance.

Sam Monturi provided details about the fund raiser that the Lake-Geauga HO Modular Group will be holding. See the Trainwire for more information. The group will be setting up in the basement of Willoughby City Hall for the Last Stop Willoughby event. To help provide supplies for the group, Don Bittner donated all the Division 5 certificates that he had accumulated to the group.

The Division 5 **FP&E HO boxcars** have arrived and are on sale for \$18 each. There are two road numbers available. See Ted Wiese to purchase them.

Bring & Brag: Theme – Gondolas & Flats

Tom Carr	Gary Shaffer	Bruce Lutheran
Don Bittner	Tom Pescha	Dave Neff
Bill Berger	Mike Buehner	

Program: Gary Shaffer showed some old 16mm films that had been converted to DVDs. These mainly showed Nickel Plate Railroad trains running through northeast Ohio in the 1950's and 1960's.

There was no **business meeting** held.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Division 5 BOD Meeting.

August 12, 2013

A **Division 5 BOD meeting** was held on August 12, 2013 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Rob Bowers, Dave Neff, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Matt Kross, Bob Frieden, Bob Gittinger, Tom Pescha, Don Bittner, Jim Wendorf, Sam Monturi, Alan Arthur, and Lenny Kessler.

Reviewed **upcoming events and meeting programs**. Meeting programs are: Sep – RTV mold making by Ken Izzo of Ken Ray Models; Oct – Engine service facilities by Dave Neff; Nov – Basic DCC by Lee Sheffield; Dec – Around the room benchwork by Bob Gittinger.

We would like to have some **Division 5 layout tours** in the spring as preparation for those that will have their layouts open for the 2014 national convention. In order to allow layout owners to see some of the other layouts, we will break up the layout tours into multiple time slots, either at different times during the day or on different days.

The Lake-Geauga HO Modular Group, represented by Sam Monturi, Alan Arthur, and Lenny Kessler, reported on what the group is doing. They have set up the group as an LLC and are currently a 100% NMRA club. They are working on a new module design that will suit their needs but will still be able to connect with modules from other area groups. Their biggest issue right now is funding the construction of their new modules. They are holding a fund raiser at a local restaurant as one of their efforts to raise money. They are actively working with the HO modular layout committee for the 2014 national convention and plan to be part of that layout.

Tom Pescha will have more **Division 5 tri-fold brochures** printed.

The BOD gives their thanks to the many people that worked hard to make our **Division 5 picnic** a success. The food was great and we got to see a few trains go by! Thanks to Tony Spena for donating the raffle prizes.

There is a **Kids Fest** at the Great Lakes Mall during one or two weekends in October. Tom Pescha will find out more information about it. We are guessing it would cost us between \$250 and \$500 for a booth at this event. The BOD is considering attending this event as a way to promote the hobby and Division 5. We will probably only have a static display due to limited space.

The World's Greatest Hobby show will be back at the IX Center Jan 4-5. This will be a great event to have our Railfest flyers at to advertise our cheaper admission fee and free parking as opposed to the cost of attending the WGH show.

It's time to start putting **budgets** together for next year. Starting at the September BOD meeting, we will begin assembling our 2014 Division 5 budget. The final approval of the budget will be done at the November BOD meeting. Any Div 5 group or coordinator that needs funds for their area is required to submit a budget request for next year.

We are looking at ways to speed up the processing of the **Trainwire**. Bonnie Lette will now assist the editor with proofreading and general review. The monthly submission deadline may be moved up to allow the Trainwire to be sent out earlier.

The next **Division 5 BOD** meeting will be September 9, 2013 at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Condolences to the Wright Family.

Division 5 sends condolences to the Wright family for the passing of former member Kellie Wright. Kellie died on August 13, 2013 at the age of 90. He was a member of the Division for a number of years before moving

to Mt. Vernon, Ohio in 2001. Kellie was an engineer for the New York Central, Penn Central, Conrail, and Amtrak railroads. May he rest in peace in the care of the Lord.



Congratulations!



Division 5 wishes to congratulate **Karl Locke** for being recognized by the **NMRA** for being a member for fifty years.



Editorial.

The group of individuals known as the **Lake-Geauga HO Modular Group LLC** are making great strides forward. The HO modules were set up in the Willoughby City Hall on August 17th for the Last Stop Willoughby Festivities and were a big success. It was a lot of work for such

an understaffed group of dedicated modelers, but what price can you put on the smiling faces of kids, of all ages. Twenty new modules are under construction and are expected to be completed this week and will have to be detailed *soon*. Due to the high cost of this project, the group appreciates all that supported us in

our fundraiser at the Stadium Grill. We have also been given donations in the forms of cash, engines, rolling stock, track, switches, structures and scenery. Don Bittner even went so far as to donate eight Division Award Certificates to this noble cause as did Alan Arthur. So if you have any of the items above that are extra or not going to be used

on your layout, the Modular Group will put them to good use. Our next event that we will be traveling to is Promo Day at Lakeland in November. We have a lot of work to accomplish by then in the coming month and we sure could use all the help we can get. *Get involved.*
- The Editor

Body Mount Couplers.

By: Mike Buehner

I have recently acquired some coil cars and proceeded to mount trucks to the body of the cars. After mounting I discovered

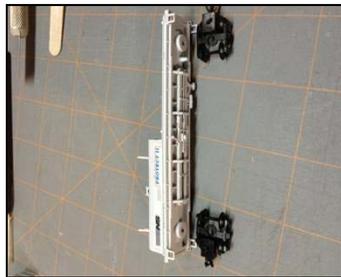
that the draft gear of the coupler was interfering with the car body and just did not sit right. I am using a short draft gear Micro-Trains truck with coupler.

It appeared that I would need to buy a medium draft gear truck and coupler to finish the task. After ponder this situation, I remembered hearing of some one

cutting off the draft gear and mounting it to the car. Here is how I did it.



Some of the tools you will need.



Remove the Trucks.



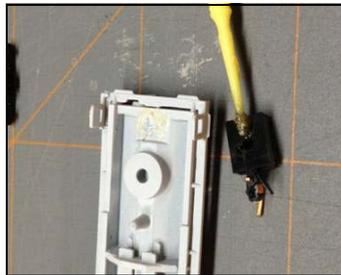
Remove wheels from Trucks.



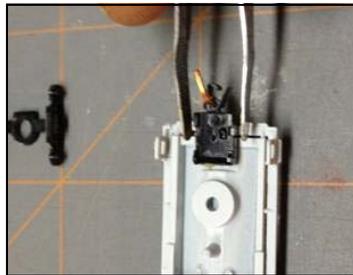
Using a chisel blade, remove draft gear just before pivot.



Should look like this when finished.



Apply adhesive (*I used GOO*) to the top of coupler pocket and the underside of car.



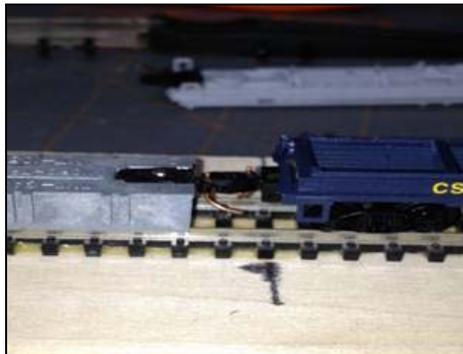
Place coupler pocket.



File the truck where the coupler was.



Notice that the one on the bottom is still square.



Once you have let the adhesive dry, reassembled the wheels to the trucks and installed the trucks next check your coupler height.



The finished product.

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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.

**October Trainwire Deadline
September 15th.**

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Carnival of Model Trains '13



Saturday, October 5, 2013
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 6, 2013
11a.m. – 4 p.m.

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds – Berea, Ohio

164 Eastland Road, Berea, Ohio 44017



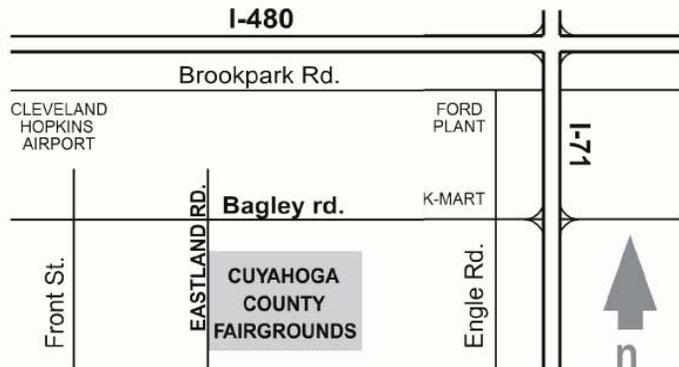
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at

The Western Reserve Railroad Association

Painesville Depot

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Food and Drinks available



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