



The Trainwire.



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Superintendant's Report.

A few of us from Division Five drove to Jamestown, NY to operate model trains on Dave Eggleston's layout. We received a warm welcome from Dave and his friends as we arrived. Division Five members have visited this layout several times in the past. We enjoy operating his rather large layout.

I have enjoyed traveling to

several layouts in the last year or so. It is always great to see someone's ideas come alive with a large group operating the movement.

Visiting model and hobby stores along the way to and from the layout is also included in these trips.

Our Trainwire can be viewed on our web site. I receive e-mails requesting information on items that appear in the Trainwire.

Help our Trainwire editor place good stories of your travels and what you have seen. What are you building on your layout? What projects are you working on? What have you seen and done?

Share with us your railroading experience.



Rob Bowers – Superintendent
 Division 5
 NMRA – Mid Central Region

Happy traveling!
Rob Bowers,
Superintendent



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.

October 4th, 2013

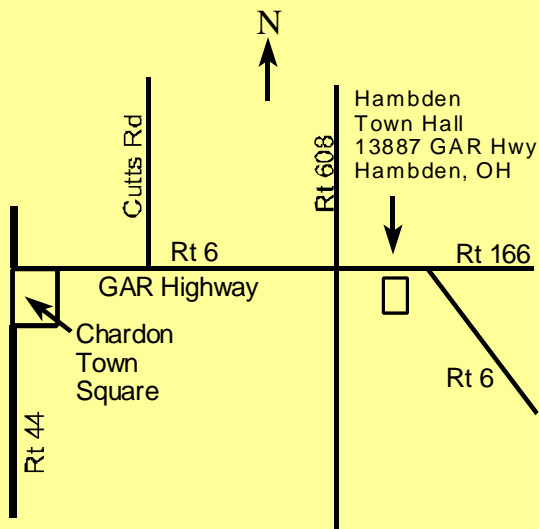
Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: Designs for an engine service terminal (*Dave Neff*)
Bring & Brag: Anything electrical (handcrafted signals, crossings, lighted rolling stock etc.)

November 1st, 2013

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

December 6th, 2013

Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: Wall mounted benchwork (*Robert Gittinger*)
Bring & Brag: TBA



Map to Hambden Town Hall

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Carnival of Trains "13" Cuyahoga Fairgrounds Berea, Ohio 44017 (10am-5pm) (11am-4pm)	October 5 - 6 (See flyer on webpage)
L.S. Live Steamers Public Run Penitentiary Glen Reservation Kirtland, Ohio (1 - 3pm)	October 6
Railfanning Day Painesville Depot Painesville, Ohio (10am-5pm)	October 12 (See flyer on webpage)
L.S. Live Steamers "Hobo Stew Dinner" Penitentiary Glen Reservation Kirtland, Ohio (5 pm)	October 12 (See flyer on webpage)
BOD Meeting Hambden Town Hall Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)	October 14
Building a Model Railroad Lakeland Community College Kirtland, Ohio (9am-2 pm)	November 2 (See flyer on webpage)
2-Rail "O" Scale Train Meet Lakeland Community College Kirtland, Ohio (9am-2 pm)	November 2 (See flyer on webpage)
Diecast Collectible Toy and Model Show Lakeland Community College Kirtland, Ohio (9am-2 pm)	November 9 (See flyer on webpage)
Christmas Train and Toy Show Lakeland Community College Kirtland, Ohio (10am-3:30 pm)	November 24 (See flyer on webpage)
Railfest 2014	March 15 & 16, 2014

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2013

Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Rob Bowers at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. There were 27 members and 3 guests present.

Questions from members:

How do you go about lighting a caboose (interior and marker lights)?

Need metal wheels, metal axle insulated on one side

Wipers on axle

Bulb and resistor as needed

Also can use fiber optics for marker lights and keep bulb inside caboose

Use a battery with a switch

Removing paint from a 3D printed model that still had a wax coating on it when it was painted?

Try DOT 3 brake fluid

Try "Green Slime" cleaner

Congratulated Karl Locke again on receiving a 50 Year service award from the NMRA. Brought up the question of how the NMRA implements this. Has everyone in the Division that has 50 years in received an award? We will need to do some checking. This is not an award that the Division has to request. It is something the NMRA sends out from headquarters.

Ted Wiese reported that we have sold 15 of **the new Division 5 FP&E boxcars**. The cars were available for sale at the meeting. Contact Ted Wiese if you are interested. Two numbers are available. Cost is \$18 each.

The Lake-Geauga HO Modular Group had a successful fund raising dinner. They are actively working on building new modules. Anyone interested in joining the group should contact Sam Monturi or Bruce Lutheran.

The Division 5 Promo Day is coming up soon. It will be on **Saturday, November 2**, at Lakeland Community College Gym C from 9am to 2pm. We have fliers available and are doing advertising. We need volunteers to put on modeling demos and for general help with the event. Rob Bowers and Bob Frieden are the event coordinators. Please contact them if you are willing to put on a demo or help. Setup will be Friday evening until 8 pm or Saturday morning starting at 7 am.

The Lake Shore Live Steamers have once again invited all Division 5 members to their Hobo Stew Dinner on Saturday October 12. Trains will be running all day and the dinner is at 5 pm. If you are going for the dinner, you are asked to take a dish to share and your own table service. If you want to eat at the Hobo Stew dinner, you need to contact Robbi Haines (440-322-3293) for details.

Bring & Brag: *Theme – Items you have cast (besides rocks)*

Matt Kross

Rich Kacprzak

Bob Gittinger

Bob Orlando

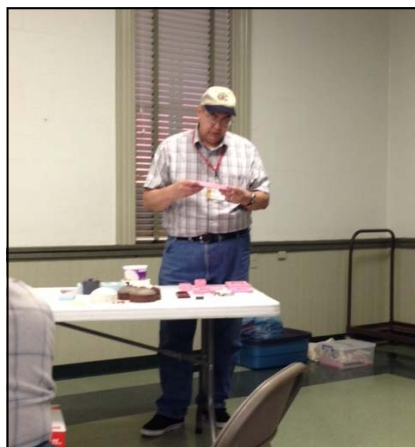
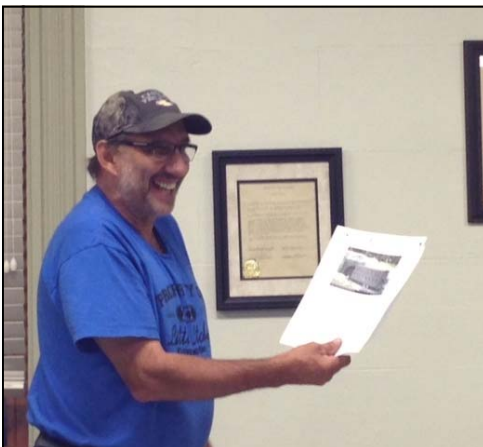
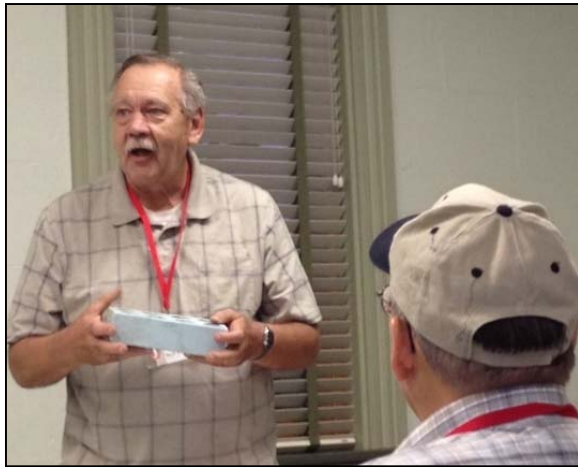
Dave Neff

Program: Ken Izzo of Ken Ray Models put on an interesting live clinic showing how he creates RTV molds for parts. Leggo building blocks are a key component!

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Pictures from the September Meeting.



Next Division 5 Meeting - October 4, 2013.

Division 5 BOD Meeting.

September 9, 2013 7:30 pm

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

Discussed that it is time for the **2014 Budget** work to begin. All that need to turn in a budget for their department should do so soon. Please email to treasurer@mcr5.org so it can be added to the budget. Bonnie will start working on assembling the budget for review at the October BOD meeting and then in November to finalize and vote to accept.

Lake-Geauga HO Modular Group LLC fundraiser was successful and report on by Lenny Kessler. They are in the planning stages of another fundraiser for some time in the spring 2014.

Discussion of the program given at the Friday Membership meeting – how we would like to see more of this type of programs.

Trainwire – we discussed the upcoming events, programs and Bring-N-Brag for the trainwire to publish. We would like to see a small ad in every Trainwire for the FP&E car we are currently selling.

MCR Meeting will be Oct. 6th – Rob will be attending and reporting on how our division is doing.

Christmas Lights at Farmpark was discussed

Dave Neff gave a proposal for an N-Scale car for the 2014 National Convention. There were two options – 1 Division 5 would front the money to purchase the cars from Atlas and would then retain all profits. – 2 the National Convention Committee would front the money for the cars and the profits would be shared by the 3 divisions working the National Convention based on the participation of the divisions, then after the convention Division 5 would purchase the remaining cars at cost to sell in our company store. Dave will be marketing these cars to sell and all are hoping they all sell before and during the convention. Wayne motioned for option 2 – vote passed.

Thank you letter from Hospice of the Western Reserve for our donation in Joyce Lloyd's name was read.

Kidgits at the Great Lakes Mall is having their 10th Birthday on October 12th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. It was decided to purchase a booth with 3 tables to promote the hobby. Tom Pescha, Rob Bowers, & Bob Frieden have volunteered to man the tables which will have different flyers, our tri-fold brochure and promote our Promotional Day on November 2nd. Tom will bring a small train layout to put on one table for the kids to see.

Lake Shore Live Steamers Hobo Dinner will be on October 12th. All division members and families are invited to ride trains and eat great food.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Lette / Treasurer

The HO Modular Fundraiser.



On Monday August 26th, 2013 the Lake-Geauga HO Modular Group, LLC had its first fundraiser since its reorganization earlier this year. The Stadium Grill, on Tyler Road in Mentor, Ohio did a great job providing the location along with the food and beverages at a

reasonable price. The dinner was well attended for such short notice and supporters were generous with cash donations, HO structures, rolling stock, track and switches. Bob Orlando was generous to this group by setting up his own personal four foot by six foot module and donating a Division Award

Certificate. Bob's module drew a lot of attention and numerous compliments. The profits of this event will help defray some of the large expenditures that the group has had to pay recently. We are still looking for a few good men that share our interest in the hobby and want to join this worthwhile organization.

We also appreciate the donations of such items as engines, rolling stock, structures, people, decals, scenery, Division Award Certificates and/or cash. If you did not have the opportunity to join us in this fundraising event, please plan on supporting us at the next one early next year. Thank you for your support.



The Group's Youngest Supporter.



Division 5 at Great Lakes Mall

On October 12, 2013 the Division will have a booth at the Great Lakes Mall, **Kidgits** 10 year Anniversary Birthday party. This will be an opportunity for the

Division to reach out to the general public to help with a membership drive and to help promote our upcoming **Model Promo day**. This is from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. We will have a small operating train layout to

help get guest into our booth area. This should be a great venue to reach out to the non-model railroad community.

Watching Trains at Cresson and Horseshoe Curve

By: Matt Kross



During a long weekend trip to Bedford, PA for the annual N-Scale Weekend near the end of August, Barb and I were out and about on the Friday before the event. We stopped in Cresson for lunch at a restaurant that has a view of the NS mainline. We were able to see four trains go by during lunch. We then went to Horseshoe Curve, just a short drive away. We saw several more trains at this location. The real treat was seeing the Pennsy paint scheme

NS Heritage unit go around the curve on one of the trains. That made my day! And by the way, to those of you that just have to know, yes, we both walked up the many, many stairs to the Horseshoe Curve viewing area instead of waiting to ride the funicular.

A few weeks later, we happened to be back in the area and stopped in Cresson again for lunch at the same restaurant. We got to see five trains go by in less than an hour. This time,

while eating lunch, a train went by that had the New York Central Heritage unit in it. Unfortunately, I didn't get a picture of that one.

The NS line between Pittsburgh and Altoona is a busy route and this area of Pennsylvania is a nice place to watch trains.

Building a Model Railroad Show.

Division 5 will be presenting topics on the following “**How To’s**” of Model Railroading:

Public is welcome! You do not have to be a member to attend this.

Admission is **FREE**

Basic layout framing, this is your railroad support structure (Benchwork)

Basics of laying Track, including the roadbed

Simple wiring of your layout so you can run your trains

Basic Scenery: Learn the different types of construction techniques

Model Building: Add that station or factory to your layout.

Attend one or all of the topics. Each topic is taught by experienced model railroader.

Bring your questions and take home a wealth of knowledge.

Also visit the operating layouts.

All this and the cost is **FREE**. Note: Children under the age of 15, **must be** accompanied by an adult.

Saturday, November 2, 2013, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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Bad Weather Closings

Even though the weather is still very nice and warm, soon it will change to winter with cold and snow. In the event that it becomes necessary for us to cancel our meetings, it will be broadcast on Ch 5, WEWS.

So if the weather looks bad, and you want to know if the meeting has been cancelled, check on Ch 5 or www.newsnet5.com, click on the weather tab, then the closing tab to see if we are listed.

**November Trainwire Deadline
 October 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



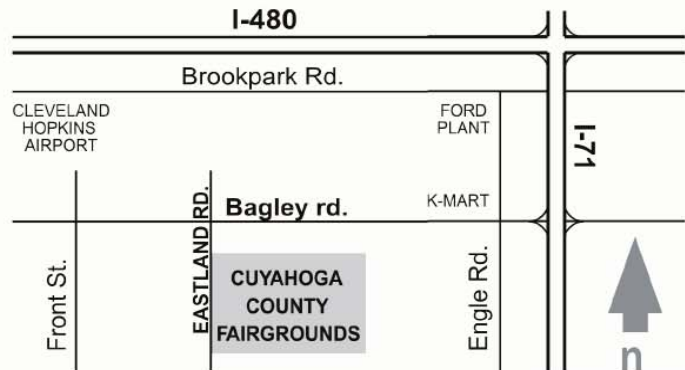
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OUR 40TH YEAR!



RailFanning Day



at

The Western Reserve Railroad Association

Painesville Depot

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

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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, Oct. 12, 2013

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

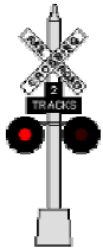


Be sure to bring your Camera and a CHAIR!

Food and Drinks available

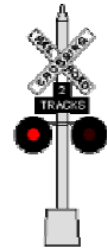
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Building a Model Railroad

Saturday, November 2, 2013



9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Open Free to the Public

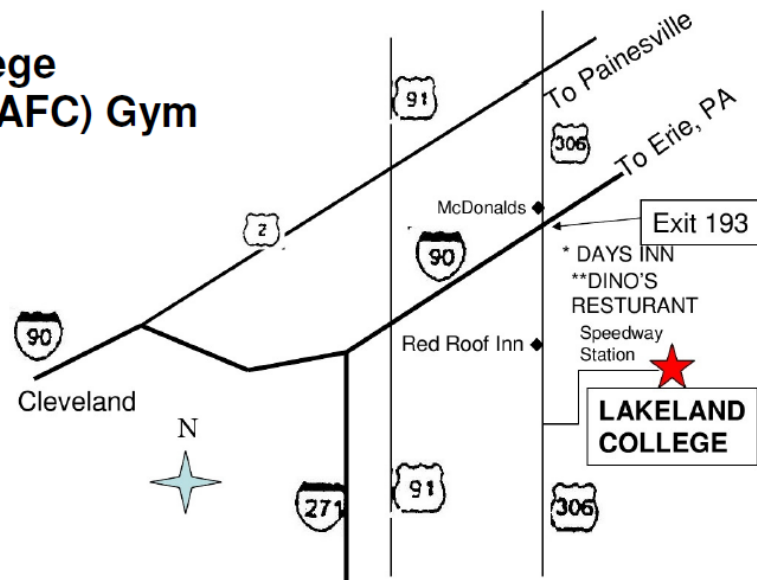
The "How To" of Building a Model Railroad

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

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