



The Trainwire



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Model Railroad Show

Division 5 will be presenting topics on the following "How To Do'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

Lakeland Community College

Athletic & Fitness Center (AFC) Gym

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Kirtland, Ohio 44094

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440-942-3039 ask for Rob or 440-256-8141 ask for Bob.



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.

November 1st, 2013

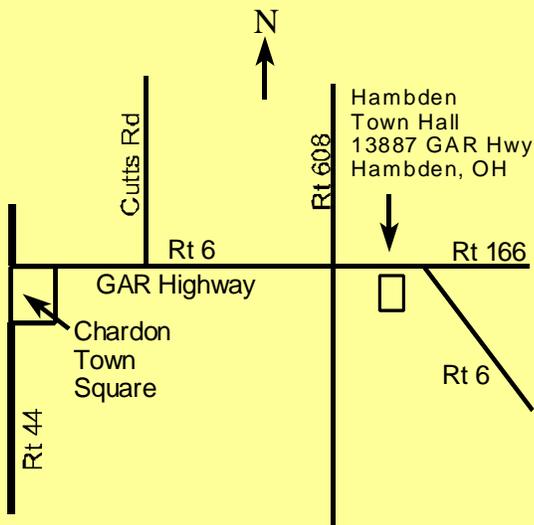
Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: Basic DCC (*Lee Sheffield*)
Bring & Brag: M.O.W. (maintenance of way) and unusual rolling stock

December 6th, 2013

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

January 3rd, 2014

No Meeting this Month.



Map to Hambden Town Hall

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Building a Model Railroad Show	November 2
Lakeland Community College Kirtland, Ohio (9am-2 pm)	(See flyer on page 13)
2-Rail "O" Scale Train Meet	November 2
Lakeland Community College Kirtland, Ohio (9am-2 pm)	
Diecast Collectible Toy and Model Show	November 9
Lakeland Community College Kirtland, Ohio (9am-2 pm)	
BOD Meeting	November 11
Hambden Town Hall Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)	
Christmas Train and Toy Show	November 24
Lakeland Community College Kirtland, Ohio (10am-3:30 pm)	(See flyer on page 14)

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Snowshoe Train Show	January 4
	(See flyer on page 15)
Division Holiday Party	January 10
Railfest 2014	March 15 & 16, 2014

Program for November 1st, 2013

DCC Decoder Installation - Installing a DCC decoder without emptying your wallet. In other words cheap! This clinic is designed to give you that nudge to get you started installing decoders in your locomotives. You already have a DCC system and a few DCC locos that you bought ready to run with decoders already installed. Now you want to tackle those locos that are just sitting there waiting to be converted. And do it for a reasonable cost!

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2013

Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Rob Bowers at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. There were 27 members and 4 guests present.

Questions from members:

Do we have any pictures showing our Division 5 FP&E boxcar is correct?

No. We went with the information that was in the Champ Decal catalog.

Don't have any specific information on the cars.

May not be the correct numbers on the cars.

Follow-up on question about stripping wax/paint from 3D printed model

Soaking in brake fluid did allow paint to be removed

After washing with water, repainted, and everything was ok

Follow-up on question about caboose lighting methods

Walthers has some kits and parts for doing this

Don Thomas brought in examples of how he did this on some models

What is best way to hold small metal grab irons while installing?

Use small pliers instead of tweezers. More pressure can be applied to hold part.

Reviewed various **upcoming events**: Division 4 Trainshow – need help at NMRA table, Promo Day – need more demos, especially scenery, Lake Shore Live Steamers Hobo Stew Dinner and train rides, Great Lakes Mall Kidgits event, Farmpark Country Lights modular layout setups will now be in the Arena building.

The Division 5 and Railfest **financial audits** have been completed. No problems were found.

We have a limited number of **NMRA 2014 Convention HO cars** available for sale. One number only. Price is \$21.60 each.

We have **lanyards** available for your Division 5 nametag. If you would like one, see Matt Kross at a Division 5 meeting.

Dave Neff is looking for any photos or information on the NYC Collinwood Yard for a clinic that is being put together.

Bring & Brag: Theme – Anything electrical you have wired

Matt Kross Bob Gittinger Don Bittner

Dave Neff Don Thomas Dennis Lloyd

Program: Dave Neff put on his clinic about designing engine service terminals.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Pictures from Great Lakes Mall Display

Photos by: Tom Pescha



Next Division 5 Meeting - November 1, 2013.

Division 5 BOD Meeting

October 14, 2013

A **Division 5 BOD meeting** was held on October 14, 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, Dennis Lloyd, Ted Wiese, and Lenny Kessler.

Rob Bowers and Dave Neff reviewed highlights of the recent **Mid Central Region BOD meeting**. One item that was directly related to Division 5 was the request by one NMRA member to move the Solon zip code from Division 4 to Division 5. NMRA members in that zip code turned down this move, so it will remain in Division 4.

Division 6 is offering track cleaning blocks to other divisions as a money making project. It is like a Bright Boy but made of a softer material so that it buffs the rails instead of abrasively cleaning them. There are two per pack. Selling prices are \$5 N, \$6 HO, and \$8 O. There is a minimum order quantity. Rob Bowers and Dave Neff are going to try the samples they were given and report back to the BOD whether they think we should proceed with purchasing some of these for sale in our Division 5 company store.

It was reported that the **Division 4 train show** had record attendance this year.

Division 5 did not sign up any new members at the Division 4 NMRA table this year.

The **December Bring & Brag** will not have a theme, so anything goes!

The **Division 5 Holiday Party** will be either Friday January 10 or Saturday January 11, 2014.

Rob presented an idea for a **diorama challenge**. He is going to take the program done by another division and rewrite it for what he is proposing for Division 5.

We need **meeting programs** for 2014. Dave Neff is going to see if there are people in Division 1 and Division 4 that would like to present clinics they plan to put on for the 2014 convention.

Tom Pescha, Rob Bowers, and Bob Frieden reported on how the **Great Lakes Mall Kidgits** event went. Tom had a small Lionel layout there that the kids loved. There was interest from the parents but no definite leads.

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Division 5 BOD Meeting cont.....

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Promo Day 2013 planning: We have 10 presenters lined up to put on small demos. There will be a small Lionel layout and small LENS N-Trak layout set up. We will have some significant newspaper ads.

The BOD agreed to continue the annual \$200 donation to the **Lake Shore Live Steamers** to help subsidize their Hobo Stew Dinner event that they invite Division 5 members to.

The **Division 5 and Railfest** financial audits were completed. No problems were found.

The Lake Erie N-scale Society (LENS) presented a report on their **Return Loop Module Project** that Division 5 helped fund. The project was very successful and will allow the club to set up in smaller locations and to do one day setups. The project got many club members involved and was used to teach new members various techniques involved with building modules.

No report has been received to date from the **Painesville Depot** group regarding how the funds they received from Division 5 were used.

LENS submitted a funding request for a DCC control system for their modular layout. So far, no other groups have submitted funding requests for 2014.

It was noted that we need to have a **spare bulb** on hand for our **video projector**. Wayne to look into the cost.

The BOD reviewed a rough draft of the **proposed 2014 budget**. A few modifications were made, but in general, the proposed budget was acceptable. There is one month left for budget adjustments to be made. The final version of the 2014 Div 5 budget will be approved at the November 2013 BOD meeting. Decisions regarding what outside funding requests the BOD will grant will be made at the Feb 2014 BOD meeting.

The next **Division 5 BOD** meeting will be November 11, 2013 at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Railfanning Road Trip

By: Len Kessler



What a great day for a road trip. On the second day of October the NETS model railroad group went on its first road trip. The morning was a little overcast

but the temperature was in the lower seventies. Our destination was the Berea Union Depot Tavern for lunch and some up close and personal railfanning. From the restaurant in addition to a good

lunch, we could observe the Norfolk Southern tracks which were less than one hundred yards away. Of course nothing was more exciting than a high ball CSX train thundering past the windows within twenty-five

feet of the restaurant. The Berea Union Depot was a significant hub in the railroad networks of northeast Ohio from the time of its construction in 1876 until its closing in 1958. The thick walls of the



unique Victorian Gothic Architecture were constructed using local sandstone from an expanding stone quarry industry in the Berea area. From 1958 until 1980, the building

remained closed until it began a second life, restored as a restaurant and gathering place. Today the restaurant is under the management of the Union Depot Tavern and

with the relative distance from the tracks it provides an exceptional dining experience. After lunch we returned to the parking lot under a clear and bright sky, set up our camp chairs and

enjoyed two hours of train watching before returning to the eastside. I personally enjoyed our first road trip and look forward to many more in the future.



Midwest Railway Preservation Society Open House Visit



On Sept 14, 2013 Dan Chuppa, Wayne and myself went to West 3rd Street to the B&O Roundhouse to the open house of the Midwest Railway Preservation Society. It was a nice sunny cool day to enjoy trains and history. We took the guided tour around the roundhouse and a short ride on the Pullman Mt. Baxter car.

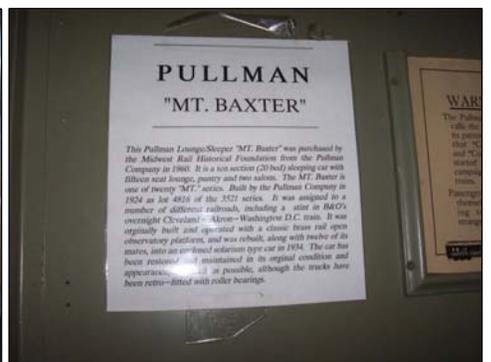
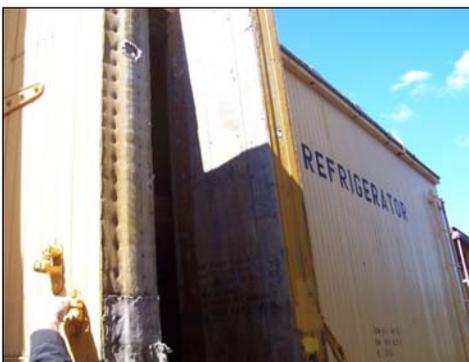
We learned how the machine shop worked and the different machines they use to make the parts they need to do their restorations. The reason they need to fabricate some parts, is that they are for the older cars and locomotives, and are not available to purchase. They have a pattern room for making the molds and patterns necessary for parts needed. They can recreate

molds of original and cast new metal items.

The caboose was the next item on the tour to see and hear the history of this particular caboose. Our tour guide showed us how the knuckle coupler worked and air hoses. Explaining the braking system and how the coupler would not uncouple even if the pin or parts inside the coupler broke

as long as there was pulling pressure kept, but as soon as it was relaxed the coupler would fall apart.

While walking through we saw many rows of older cars that the society has acquired and will be restoring as time and money allows. One car I found very interesting was a refrigerated Fruit Growers Express car. It is the first time



that I can remember seeing how thick the doors and car walls were. This car would have the ends filled with ice and compartmentalized with fans to distribute the cool air to keep the produce fresh. The fans ran from generators on the trucks of the car. The railroad would put these trains

on the green light and even the passenger trains waited for the produce trains to come through as the railroad did not want to pay for the spoilage.

During the short train ride on the property, we learned the history of the porter and how the Pullman car was used. This particular car was a first

class sleeper. If you purchased the seat facing the forward direction of the train not only did you pay more but you got to sleep on the bottom bed. If you purchased the seat facing backward you would save money but needed to sleep in the top pull down bed which needed a ladder to get in and out

of. If you needed to use the facilities, you would ring a doorbell and the porter would come with the ladder to let you down and wait till you returned for you to go to bed again. The Porter would work as many hours as needed to keep their passengers happy.

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Midwest Railway Preservation Society cont.....

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So they might only get as little as 3 hours of sleep in a day.

One car on the property was different. It as an open hopper and was painted with "US Marines – Toys for Tots". The society used this car one year for their Toys for Tots campaign. Our guide told us that over 3,000 people came to

fill the car with toys.

The turntable is in the process of being renovated as the wooden parameter structure is rotting away and is being replaced with concrete. We were told that when the turntable was in balance it would take only a few guys to turn it with a loco on it. The roundhouse was originally 10 stalls and then 5 more were added.

Because of some of the structural beams were knocked down, some of the stalls fell. The Society has done many repairs to the roof and structure but much more is needed. The 4070 is being restored. Plus there were two Amtrak cars being restored. One of these cars was used by President Jimmy Carter during his whistle stop ride from Georgia

to Washington DC. The movie played during the trip was "Silver Streak."

The Society is a 501c3 organization, has 7 employees and many volunteers. It is a very interesting place to visit and I would recommend going to one of their open houses.

By: Bonnie Lette



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 2014



Saturday and Sunday
March 15 & 16, 2014
10 am to 4 pm
Buy – Sell – Trade



Lakeland Community College

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

Operating Layouts

N Scale Layouts
(LENS)

HO Scale layout
(LG HO G)

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 at reasonable prices

For Information Write:

NMRA MCR Division 5
PO Box 5081
Mentor, Ohio 44060

Phone: (440) 357-8890
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Email: railfest@mcr5.org



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layouttour@MCR5.org**NATIONAL CONVENTION**

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www.2014cleveland.org**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.

**December Trainwire Deadline
November 15th.**

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Building a Model Railroad

Saturday, November 2, 2013



9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Open Free to the Public

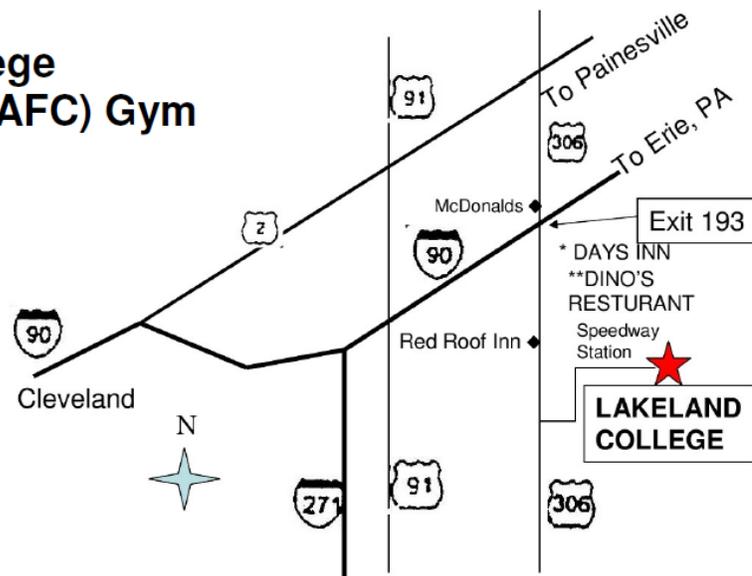
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Christmas Train and TOY SHOW LAKELAND COLLEGE



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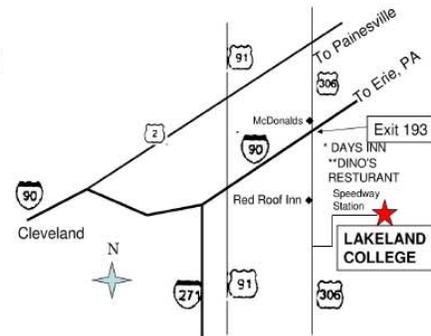
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**Sunday, November 24, 2013
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Family \$12.00 (children under 18)
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Toys for Tots Collection – New in box toys only (unwrapped). Please no stuffed animals.

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

Featuring:  Dealer Redeemable this Show
\$25.00 Door Prize Certificate
Drawings at 11am, 1 pm, 3 pm

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 - 300 + Tables – One Floor
 - Lionel, American Flyer, G-gauge, N scale trains
 - Operating Train Layouts and Dioramas
 - 2 Rail O Scale – Weaver – Atlas – MTH – K-Line
 - Good Food - 24 hr Police Security
- BUY - SELL - TRADE**





SnowShoe Train Show

Saturday, January 4, 2014

Wind, nor Rain, nor Snow will kept a train fan from a good train show!

UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130



10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Admission: \$6.00, Kids under twelve Free
Free Parking



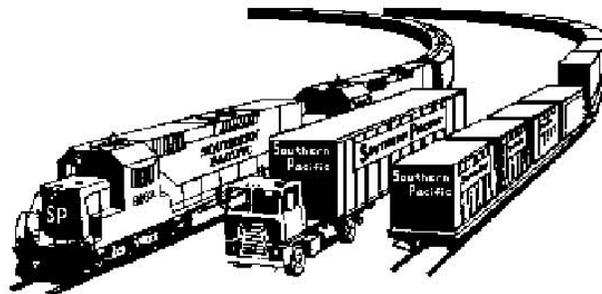
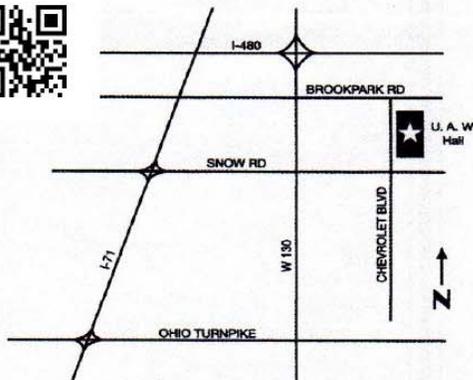
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