



# The Trainwire



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## Superintendent's Report.

**W**e have started into a New Year with many activities throughout the next 6 months. Our first need is to prepare for the election in June of new officers. In our last newsletter we were given the list of what needs to occur. I have asked several people to organize a committee. I have been turned down. The current officers and Board talked about this situation. If anyone wishes to be on the committee or to volunteer to run for the office of Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent, please contact me and I will help you move forward. We do have a deadline for this election to move forward.

We are into the most important activity to our Division and that is Railfest. Please contact Jim Wendorf if you can help or wish to be involved.

The National Convention will be held in July of 2014 in Cleveland. You can volunteer or attend.

Reading the Trainwire will give you many ideas and opportunities to help your skills in your hobby.

Please join us at the next meeting. You may find something interesting or join us in working on projects.

**Superintendent- Rob Bowers**



Rob Bowers – Superintendent  
Division 5  
NMRA – Mid Central Region

## Signaling

By: *Dave Neff*

**O**n my home layout--- assuming I get past the frenzy of making it presentable for touring associated with the National Convention---I plan to use 2014 as the year in which I install animated signals and crossings. Now I don't know the first thing about how such prototypes operate.....do you? But I'm learning--- currently reading a good book on Railroad Signaling by Brian Solomon, recently re-published in soft cover in 2010 by Voya-

geur Press from the original hard-bound copy in 1966. It is a comprehensive discussion on how signaling technology originated in England, then spread to the fledgling railroad industry in the United States in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and how we clever Americans adapted concepts for our own usage. Learning the different signal 'aspects' and Rules--- which differed from railroad to railroad---is a daunting task. Locomotive engineers had to know their semaphore

indications and light patterns very well in order to maintain safe travel on the rails. Manual block, automatic block, centralized traffic control (CTC), train control and cab signaling---it's all there in this book and is a formidable challenge for understanding and comprehension.

Now some of you larger scale modelers may have already conquered this technology with installed and automatic signaling on your layout, and maybe even computerized control to change light patterns and posi-

tions. If so—who would like to present a clinic on Signaling Application and Installation on a Model Railroad Layout at a future meeting? I'm sure this would be very valuable and informative to many of us. And fortunately, there are a few clinics being offered at the National Convention this summer by such notables as Bruce Chubb, MMR, and Gerry Albers (co-operator with Allen McLelland) on Signaling. I'm looking forward to sitting on a couple of these.

## 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.

### February 7th, 2014

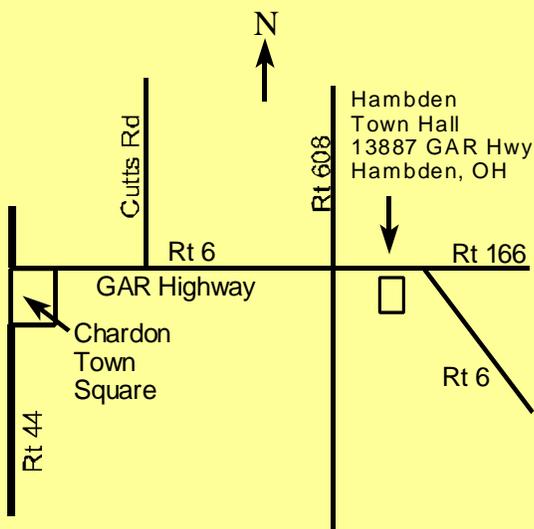
Location: Hambden Town Hall  
Program: Sweden Railroad Museum - Ken Stroebel  
Bring & Brag: Anything pertaining to foreign railroads—rolling stock, locomotives, structures, etc

### March 7th, 2013

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

### April 4th, 2013

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



Map to Hambden Town Hall

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**BOD Meeting** February 10  
Denny's Restaurant  
Mentor, Ohio (7:30 pm)

**Railfest 2014** March 15 & 16  
Lakeland Community College  
Kirtland, Ohio (10 am - 4pm)  
*(See flyer on page 14)*

### February 7th, 2014

Ken Stroebel will be presenting the program at the February meeting. He will be showing some Swedish railfanning along with a trip to the Swedish National Rail Museum and the history of railroads in the country.

Cleveland National Convention Shirts are available for pre-order on the convention website, [www.2014Cleveland.org](http://www.2014Cleveland.org). Click on Registration, then the Order form on the right side of the page

HOWEVER, payment should be sent not to NMRA, but with your order ONLY to Chuck Klein or Jerry Krueger (address shown on convention car order form).

Dave

# Nominations Needed For Division 5 Officers

We have not had any success in getting Division 5 members to be on the Nominating Committee. In light of this fact, the BOD indicated it will accept candidate nominations directly.

If you would like to run for either of the two offices available, Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent, you just need to submit a petition to the BOD. The petition is just a piece of paper that has the following on it:

- Title: **“Petition to run for Division 5 office”**
- Your name and signature
- The Division 5 office you want to run for (**Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent**)

Printed names and signatures of two other Division 5 members

The terms for both offices will be **June 1, 2014 through June 1, 2016**

## **The duties of the Superintendent are:**

Preside at all Division 5, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee meetings.

Serve or appoint a proxy as the Division representative on the Region Board of Directors.

Assign the Assistant Superintendent Suitable duties and keep him/her informed of Division 5 business.

Appoint chairpersons of committees required to accomplish the stated purposes of the Division.

Cooperate with other Divisions in every way possible.

## **The duties of the Assistant Superintendent are:**

Assist the Superintendent in any way possible.

Assume the functions of the office of Superintendent during the absence of the Superintendent.

# Pictures from the Holiday Party



Next Division 5 Meeting - February 7, 2014.

# Division 5 BOD Meeting

January 13, 2014

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on January 13, 2014 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Rob Bowers, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Matt Kross, Bob Frieden, Bob Gittinger, Tom Pescha, Dave Neff, Ted Wiese, Jim Wendorf, and Don Bittner.

**The 2014 budget** was updated with the final 2013 expenses and a final quick review was done.

A possible return trip to **Scenic Express in Pennsylvania** is being considered for a Saturday in April or May.

The old **Division 5 business card** was reviewed and modifications identified. We will get 500 new cards made.

**Donations** were approved for the Lake Erie N-scale Society and the Lake Shore Live Steamers. \$450 will be donated to LENS towards their purchase of a DCC system for their modular layout. \$200 will be donated to the LSLs towards their Hobo Stew Dinner which Division 5 is invited to in the Fall.

To date, no one has been found that is will to be on the **2014 Nominating Committee**. Because of this, anyone wanting to run for one of the two Division offices will need to submit a petition for the office that has the approval of at least two other Division 5 members. At this point, no one has officially said they are willing to run for office.

We would like to have some **layout tours** this Spring in preparation for the upcoming national convention. We are looking at doing them in the April/May timeframe and splitting up the tours between a Saturday and Sunday as well as staggering the times.

**Railfest 2014 status:** We have 55 vendors signed up so far with 200 out of 410 tables accounted for. We only have a couple of people signed up for the box lunches and the Saturday dinner. We need people to sign up for the dinner now. We will be running the large ad in the News Herald that contains the smaller vendor ads. We have received half (\$2600) of the Lake County Visitor's Bureau grant that must be used for advertising. One of the requirements of this grant is that we have to provide them with a lot of information. Tom Pescha is providing the needed info to them.

**The Treasurer** has requested a list of all Division 5 events for 2014 that will require an insurance certificate from the NMRA national office listing specific organizations. The two that we know of at this time are Railfest (Lakeland Community College) and Great Lakes Mall Kids Show (ProMart).

**The BOD** approved Division 5's participation in the Kids Show at Great Lakes Mall on March 22-23. This will be the weekend after Railfest. Setup will be on Friday night with the show hours being 10am – 8pm on Saturday and 11am – 6pm on Sunday. Cost to us will be \$250. Approximately 60,000 people are at the mall during these two days.

**Rob Bowers** presented a revised set of rules for the proposed diorama contest. The main thing that was changed is to go with the same amount of square feet for every scale. The initial proposal is 5000 square feet in your scale which can be any set of dimensions you desire, such as 100 scale feet by 50 scale feet. This would be a quarterly contest decided by popular vote. Points would be awarded. The person with the most points at the end of the year would win some as-of-yet undetermined prize.

**The BOD** approved trading a dozen Division 5 FP&E reefers with Division 3 for a dozen of their V&O reefers.

## Division 5 BOD Meeting cont....

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**National convention shirts** will only be available by pre-order and payment must go to Jerry Krueger or Chuck Klein. Info is on the convention website. Note: These are not the shirts for volunteers or committee members. These are the shirts that the typical convention registrant can get.

**National convention cars** need to be pre-ordered through the convention website. There isn't any limit on the number of cars ordered. If you aren't planning on registering for the convention and would like an HO or N scale convention car, find someone that is registered for the convention and have them order cars for you. If you know non-NMRA members that would like the convention cars, they can do the same thing.

**Division 5 has** signed agreements with Hambden Township for the use of the town hall for our Division 5 membership and BOD meetings in 2014.

We are going to get more **Division 5 tri-fold fliers** printed. Some updates are needed prior to printing. Matt Kross will make the updates and send to Tom Pescha for printing.

An idea was presented that we give out **NMRA RailPass memberships** at certain events as a method to get targeted individuals interested in our Division and the NMRA. Some pros and cons were discussed. The idea was tabled until the next meeting.

NOTE: The next **Division 5 BOD meeting** will be held at the Denny's restaurant across from the Great Lakes Mall near the Best Buy. The next meeting will be February 10, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

*Submitted by*

**Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk**

### Winners of the 2013 Losers Raffle

The following Division 5 members won prizes in the Losers Raffle at our January Holiday Party. The names are in the order of the prizes they won. Those who were not present at the party will have their award certificate mailed to them.

Bill Kester	Rich Kacprzak
Dave Neff	Wayne Lette
Randy Hahn	Bob Gittinger
Jim Davidson	Jim Wendorf
Sam Monturi	Bonnie Lette
Tom Carr	Rob Bowers
Don Thomas	Linda Kacprzak
Ron Sieloff	Ken Stroebel
Dave Barnes	Doug Riedel
Mike Buehner	

### KidShow at GLM

At this years KidShow which will be held at the Great Lakes Mall in Mentor, we will have a booth to help promote the Model Railroading Hobby and Division 5. This show is a two day event, Saturday, March 22 from 10am to 7pm and Sunday, March 23 from 11am to 5pm. With over 60,000 in attendance each year, the KidShow is a perfect place to inform the public of our Division and Model Railroading Hobby.

Our display will include a small operating train layout. ***WE need your help to man our booth!*** If you wish to help, call Bob Frieden at 440-256--8141

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**NATIONAL CONVENTION**

**THE  
 CONVENTION  
 JULY 13-20, 2014**

[www.2014cleveland.org](http://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](http://www.newsnet5.com), click on the weather tab, then the closing tab to see if we are listed.

**March Trainwire Deadline  
 February 15th.**

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# 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

<b>Admission</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>
<b>Two Day Pass</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>
<b>Family (couples)</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>
<b>Family (max)</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>

*(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  
Phone: (440) 478-6661

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## Free Parking

Free Shuttle Bus  
9:30am – 4:30pm

Presented by

## National Model Railroad Association

MCR – Division 5 Event  
Celebrating 30 years at Lakeland  
Visit us at [www.railfest.org](http://www.railfest.org)

Largest continuous running train show in OHIO!





# **Railfest 2014**

## **Railfest Dinner March 15, 2014**

Will be held at Dino's Restaurant & Banquet Center  
4145 St. Rt. 306, Kirtland, Ohio 44094 – next to the college

**TIME**

Saturday night, 5pm March 15, 2014

**PRICE**

\$20.00 per person

**SPEAKER & SUBJECT**

**Don Wetzel** – Train Engineer and Designer of NYC M-497 Jet Powered Train

**RESERVATION DEADLINE**

Monday, March 1, 2014

**FAMILY STYLE DINNER MENU**

- Tossed Green Salad
- Italian and Ranch Dressing on the side
- Grilled lemon Chicken
- Roast Beef
- Sugar Snap Peas and Baby Carrots
- Oven-Roasted Redskin Potatoes



**Beverages Stations:**

- Pots of Coffee - Pots of Decaf Coffee
- Pitchers of Coke - Pitchers of Diet Coke
- Coffee Condiments: Creamer, Sugar, Sweeteners

*This Dinner is open to any one that is interested in model railroading or trains in general.*

Cut and Return .....

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Please mail back with Separate Check for the Buffet by March 1, 2014.  
 (Check will be held & deposited March 17, 2014)  
 Make Checks payable to: **Railfest**

Print you name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please list and Print all Attending

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this part

**Mail to:** Bob Frieden, 9695 Chillicothe Rd., Kirtland, Ohio 44094

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Please retain this part for your information

Please return this part only