



# The Trainwire



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## Candidate Bios

### David Neff for Superintendent

**L**ike nearly every one of us, I started with trains at an early age, American Flyer at age 7. As an adult, I rekindled my interest in 1967 in the infancy of N scale, which was an "apartment gauge". For a good 25 years I was a "lone wolf", then joined BRNS, and then LENS about 15 years ago. While I joined NMRA maybe about the same time, it wasn't until I began partial retirement that I had the time and inclination to become active in Division 5.

While fully "retired", I am still active professionally in teaching, developing courses, and participating in the Aluminum Division of the American Foundry Society. Within the NMRA, I am the Region's representative for the fledgling Edu-Train program which focuses on communicating basic modeling skills to model railroaders.

My vision for Division 5 is to increase our active membership at meetings, find programs of interest, have more hands-on participation by our members, and find new ways for our members to have fun with model railroading. That may mean doing some things differently, and spending SOME of our banked savings in different ways that provide benefits to our members.

### Dale H. Smith for Asst. Super

**I** have been involved with trains since I was old enough to walk. My father exposed me to trains as a youngster and it has been in my blood ever since. He built an HO layout in my bedroom for me when I was @ 5 years old (he had "O" Scale two rail in the basement). When my folks decided to build a new house he decided to switch to "HO" at that time, so we worked together to build the Ohio Northern RR and a branch line known as "Dales Stone Dock" as my part of the railroad. I always tagged along with dad to the Division functions as a child and enjoyed the diverse activities that were scheduled. So when I turned 18, my dad suggested I join the NMRA which I did purchasing a Life Membership at that time. Hard to believe it's been 40 years. I have offered to run for the office of Assistant Super. If elected I will try to continue to lead the division in a positive direction and to bring enjoyment of the hobby to all.

## Division 5 Layout Tours

We would like to have Division 5 layouts open for tours in May, partly as practice for the upcoming national convention layout tours, but also for you to show off what you have been working on.

You DO NOT have to be on the national convention layout

tours in order for you to have your layout open for our Division tours. We would like to have as many layouts open as possible. If you are interested in having your layout open, please contact Matt Kross at 440-668-9462 (cell) or e-mail [Clerk@mcr5.org](mailto:Clerk@mcr5.org).

We are looking at spreading out when the layouts are open so that the layout owners are able to visit other layouts. You will only have your layout open on one day, but the tours will be over a Saturday/Sunday on two different weekends. The proposed dates are Saturday May 17, Sunday May 18,

Saturday May 31, and Sunday June 1. The number of days we do this will depend on how many layouts we have to tour.

We will publish the layout tour schedule in the April Trainwire.

**Matt Kross**

## 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.

### March 7th, 2014

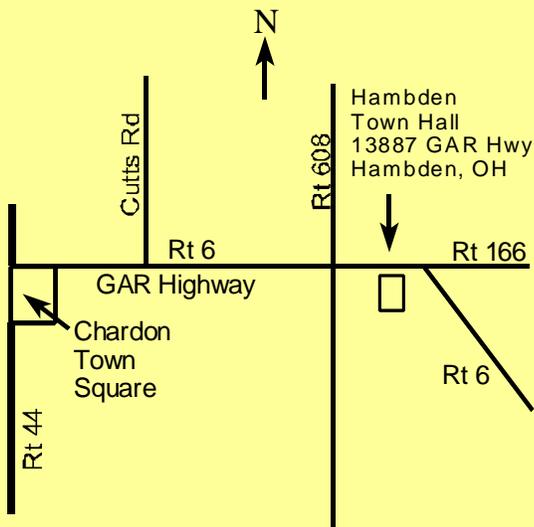
**Location:** Hambden Town Hall  
**Program:** Building a Laser Kit (by Dave Neff)  
**Bring & Brag:** Wood structures

### April 4th, 2014

**Location:** Hambden Town Hall  
**Program:** Making tree stumps (by Dick Roth)  
**Bring & Brag:** Vegetation

### May 2nd, 2014

**Location:** Farmpark - Kirtland, Ohio  
**Program:** Learning to set up Modules  
**Bring & Brag:** Anything Farm Related.



Map to Hambden Town Hall

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**BOD Meeting** **March 10**  
Hambden Town Hall  
Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)

**Railfest 2014** **March 15 & 16**  
Lakeland Community College  
Kirtland, Ohio (10 am - 4pm)  
*(See flyer on page 9)*

**BOD Meeting** **April 14**  
Hambden Town Hall  
Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)

**Lake-Geauga Modular Fundraiser** **April 28**  
Stadium Grill  
8330 Tyler Blvd  
Mentor, Ohio (5 pm - 8 pm)

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

The Lake-Geauga Modular Group will be holding a Pasta Dinner fundraiser at the Stadium Grill on Monday April 28th, 2104 from 5 pm to 8 pm. Give Mom a break and bring her and the kids and have a great pasta dinner and help our group build, refurbish and display our HO Modules at special events. Our flyer will be in next month's issue of the Trainwire. We will be at Railfest this month, see you there.

# Division 5 Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Rob Bowers at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. There were 23 members and 6 guests present.

We reviewed where things stood with the **Division 5 election process** for this year. We did not get any volunteers to form a nominating committee so all nominations will have to be made by petition. Dave Neff has agreed to run for Superintendent. Dave and Rob both stressed that they would like to have at least two people run per open position (Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent).

The **Railfest Chairman**, Jim Wendorf, provided an update on Railfest 2014 planning. We still have some unsold tables but that is mainly due to vendors being slow in responding. We will have some new vendors this year due to some regular vendors dropping out due to death, illness, or retirement. We will have an NMRA membership table that is a joint effort between divisions 4 and 5. We need Division 5 members to man this table throughout the weekend. A sign-up sheet is available. A sign-up sheet is also available for all the work assignments throughout the weekend. We need all Division 5 members to support this *annual major event*. We have not had a lot of response yet for the Saturday evening dinner. We will be doing the box lunches again on Saturday and Sunday. This went over well with the vendors last year. Advertising is lined up for TV, radio, and newspapers. We have some large posters available. At this time, it looks like we can get into the gym at 2pm on Thursday to start setting up. On Friday, we can get in around noon and on Saturday at 7am.

It was stressed that we need to remember that Jim is the one running **Railfest** and should be the one making decisions and be notified of issues.

We will participate in the **Kids Show at the Great Lakes Mall** on March 22 and 23. We will have a table and an operating layout. The hours for this show are long so we need help manning the table. Bob Frieden and Tom Pescha are coordinating this event. It is estimated that approximately 60,000 people go through the mall over the two day period. This is a great opportunity to let people know about Division 5 and model railroading.

We have custom painted **V&O HO reefers** for sale. These represent Allen McClelland's Virginia & Ohio Railroad. There are two styles, wood side and metal. Both are \$18 each.

At the **April Division 5 meeting**, Patty Kaplan, 2014 NMRA Convention Volunteer Coordinator, will present what is involved with helping at the national convention in Cleveland. We will start signing people up as convention volunteers starting in April. The number of volunteer hours each division provides will determine how the convention profits will be divided between divisions 1, 4, and 5.

Dave Neff, **2014 NMRA Convention Clinic Coordinator**, is still looking for clinics to be presented at the convention. If you are interested, contact Dave or do so on the convention website.

We are running out of **meeting programs**. At this time, we don't have anything lined-up for the rest of the year. We need suggestions for program topics as well as volunteers to put on programs. A couple of suggestions made were a program on how to build paper/cardstock buildings. Dick Roth volunteered to do a clinic on making tree stumps in April. The Bring & Brag theme for April will be "Vegetation". We are going to try to do another survey of program wants. We will have this survey form available at the next meeting and possibly send an electronic version out with the next Trainwire notice.

There was an S-scale trolley system donated to the Lake County Historical Society for them to have on display. It needs some work and they are looking for volunteers to help with this.

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## Bring & Brag: Foreign Railroad Equipment

Matt Kross  
Ted Wiese

Ken Stroebel  
Tom Pescha

Bill Berger  
Rob Bowers

**Program:** Ken Stroebel showed photos he took while railfanning in Sweden while on a business trip. It included a visit to a Swedish railroad museum and some of the history of railroading in that country.

## Submitted by:

**Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk**

## The Company Store

The Company Store has added new HO scale cars to our inventory. We have a 40 foot AAR box cars lettered for the Fairport Painesville and Eastern.

Two numbers are available – 403 and 407. Shipping is \$6 for one or two cars.

New cars available: 40 foot reefers lettered for the famous V & O model railroad were built for Division 3, and we traded some box cars for these. Our inventory includes two of each of the following cars:

**Wood sided reefer – 41 feet long - built 1934 and numbered 1959, 1962 and 1975.**

**Steel reefer – 40 feet long - built in 1946 and numbered 2001, 2008, and 2013.**

These are Accurail kits – the same as our FP&E box cars and they are also \$18.00 each. We can ship them on the same basis as our FP&E cars. These are not advertised on our website since Division 3 is selling their stock that way. Our supply is limited and there will not be any more available when these are gone. Also, it's first come – first served.

A couple of the cars will be available at each meeting, but if you want a specific car, please call or email the Company Store, and they can be picked up the next meeting.

Send email requests to the Company Store address ([CompanyStore@MCR5.org](mailto:CompanyStore@MCR5.org))



# Pictures from the February Meeting



Next Division 5 Meeting - March 7, 2014.

# Division 5 BOD Meeting

February 10, 2014

A **Division 5 BOD meeting** was held on February 10, 2014 at the Denny's Restaurant in Mentor, Ohio. In attendance were Rob Bowers, Matt Kross, Bob Frieden, Bob Gittinger, Tom Pescha, Dave Neff, and Ted Wiese.

The following members are running for **Division 5 office**: Dave Neff – Superintendent; Dale Smith – Assistant Superintendent. The election event schedule will be as follows: candidate bio's in the March Trainwire; ballots will be mailed after the March BOD meeting; ballots will be due back by mid-April; election winners will be announced at the May meeting.

The sign-up sheet for the **Kids Day** helpers will be available at the March meeting. This event will be the weekend after Railfest.

We would like to have some **Division road trips** this spring/summer. Dale Smith is looking into a trip to Scenic Express in Pennsylvania. Some other ideas are trips to the Warthers Museum or the Ages of Steam Roundhouse (if we can obtain a contact there).

We are still planning on doing a survey of members' ideas for **meeting programs**. We also want to continue to ask members to come forward with programs they can put on.

We would like to open up the **Bring & Brag** to include pictures of things that you can't bring to the meeting. These would include either items on your layout that are built-in or sections of your layout that you have been working on.

**Railfest 2014** planning update: The contract for the TV ads is in place. These will cover the area from Lorain to the PA border and south to Canton. We will also advertise on the radio, in the newspaper, and in magazines.

We are planning on having **Division 5 layout tours** in May. These tours will be over multiple days/weekends to allow layout owners to visit other layouts.

The next **Division 5 BOD meeting** will be held at Hambden Town Hall on March 10, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

*Submitted by*

**Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk**

# Division 5 Fleamarket Table Item Rules

If you want to make use of the Division fleamarket table at Railfest, you **MUST** fill out the form on the other side of this sheet. Use as many copies of the form as needed to list **ALL** the items you are selling. Each item on the table must have a sticker that contains the member's initials and a sequence number corresponding to the items on the form. Multiple items, bagged or boxed, are only counted as one item if they are being sold as a set.

Please keep prices in even dollar increments (\$1, \$2, \$3, etc.) if at all possible. This makes it a lot easier for the people manning the table to make change and handle the money.

Also, **you need to provide a Business Size envelope** to put the money in from the sales of your items. Mark your name clearly on the envelope. You also need to put some money in the envelope to allow the people manning the table to use for making change. We would like at least ten \$1 bills in the envelope. Please mark on the envelope the amount of money you provided for making change.

## Division 5 Meeting Program Ideas Needed

We are running out of ideas for meeting programs. We are also running out of people willing to present a program at a meeting.

We will have a Division 5 Program Ideas / Wants Survey available at the next meeting. Please start thinking about the types of things that you would like to see presented or what things you might be able to present to the group.

- What modeling techniques do you want to learn how to do?
- What prototype practices do you have questions about?
- What special modeling techniques have you come up with that you can share with the group?

Are there problems on your layout that you need help with?

## 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





# 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:

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## Free Parking

Free Shuttle Bus  
9:30am – 4:30pm

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

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# 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



Please retain this part for your information

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

Return this part

Please return this part only

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

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**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.

**April Trainwire Deadline  
March 15th.**

# The Trainwire Newsletter

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