



The Trainwire



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Another Railfest Success!

Our **Railfest**, the largest train show annually in Ohio, was once again an outstanding success, with near record attendance on Saturday and a very good showing on Sunday. Aisles were crammed many times on Saturday with modelers in all scales from far and wide. That, thanks to the very broad advertising orchestrated by Tom Pescha and the Lake County Visitors Bureau grant which augmented our own advertising. Tom reports that there were nearly 400 advertising spots, through all media forms—TV, radio, print—which he was able to establish. Many of the dealers/vendors who were questioned indicated that sales were brisk and that they were very pleased.

Kudos to our **'regular members'** who are almost always in attendance at our regular meeting. I won't mention anybody/ everybody by name, too

numerous---but in looking around through four days **everyone** was helping out in some fashion---table setup and preparation, helping vendors load-in and load-out, our Division Table, the NMRA table, Raffle, Registration, Modules, Room patrol, and even lunch distribution! I trust everyone did have time away from their **'on-duty'** to have a good look around and perhaps find that elusive model railroad item they had been looking for.

The highlight of the weekend was the 'first annual' Saturday night dinner, open to vendors, members, and guests. Division 5 was well represented. Don Wetzel, the NYC Collinwood research leader, a locomotive engineer and experienced pilot, regaled the audience with his account of the development and test run of the M-497 NYC experimental jet train in 1966. This was no mere publicity stunt---merger

with the **PRR** was imminent and the future of the technical department of the NYC was at stake. In less than 30 days a group of 100 employees working around the clock accomplished a truly marvelous engineering feat. Not just a matter of mounting two GE jet engines on a RDC, but engineering and outfitting the entire assembly with an overwhelming amount of data recording devices, intended to provide a strong basis of support for future ultra high-speed rail transportation. In the test run Don, who was at the controls, claims they did exceed **200 mph**, but recorded just over 180 mph to set a world record which still stands today for a self-propelled rail vehicle. Don's presentation set the bar extremely high for next year's dinner speaker!

Thank you to all who helped make this event a great success!

Dave Neff, Asst. Supt.



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.

April 4th, 2014

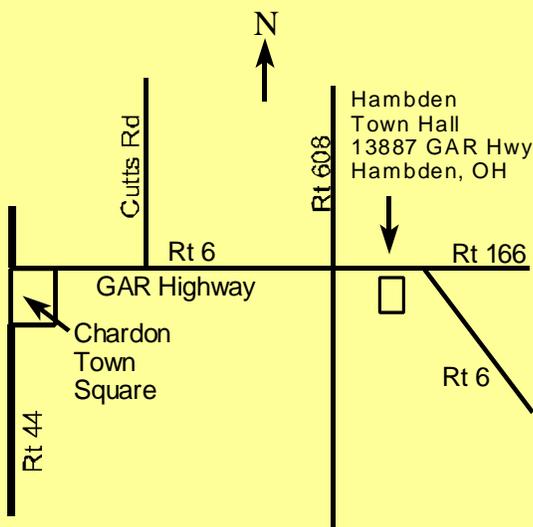
Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: Making tree stumps (by Dick Roth)
Bring & Brag: Vegetation

May 2nd, 2014

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

June 6th, 2014

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



Map to Hambden Town Hall

SCHEDULED EVENTS

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)
(flyer on P. 9)

Train Show May 3
U.A.W. Hall
Cleveland, Ohio (10:00 am - 3:00 pm)
(flyer on P. 10)

BOD Meeting May 12
Hambden Town Hall
Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)

Cleveland National Convention Shirts are available for pre-order on the convention website, 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 is on pg. 9. We will be at Farmpark next month, May 2 & 3. See you there.

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Rob Bowers at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. There were 25 members and 5 guests present.

No new nominees were presented for the upcoming Division election. Current nominees are **Dave Neff** for Superintendent and **Dale Smith** for Assistant Superintendent. Ballots will be mailed after the March 10th BOD meeting.

The Kids Day at Great Lakes Mall was discussed and a sign-up sheet was available to help man the display that Division 5 will have there.

Railfest Chairman Jim Wendorf summarized the final preparations for Railfest 2014 and outlined the times that helpers could be at the college.

Steve Kaplan of Division 4 gave a pitch for people to volunteer to help at the **2014 convention** this summer. His wife Patty is the coordinator of the volunteers. Though it is too early to set work assignments, they are looking for people willing to help so that they can create a database of volunteers. A signup sheet for this is available.

The Lake Geauga HO Module Group gave a report on their upcoming events. They will be having a pasta dinner fundraiser on Monday April 28th. They will not be set up at Willoughby this year since the city has decided to go a different direction with their weekend in August.

The Lake County Historical Society is looking for help with a trolley layout donated to the society. The LCHS is located near Riverside High School in Painesville. If you are interested, contact Sam Monturi.

A Division 5 trip to Scenic Express in Pennsylvania is tentatively scheduled for Saturday June 7th. More info will be in the Trainwire as the details are firmed up.

We are looking for people willing to have their layouts open for our **Division 5 Spring Layout tours** to be held May 17, 18, 31 and June 1. A signup sheet was passed around at the meeting. Contact Matt Kross if interested in having your layout open.

A program survey was passed out to everybody at the meeting. Dave Neff will review the results and report back.

Bring & Brag: Wood Structures

Matt Kross
Dennis Lloyd

Tom Pescha
Ted Wiese

Don Bittner
Gary Shaffer

Program: Dave Neff put on a live demonstration of the tips, tools, and techniques he uses to build wood laser-cut structures.

Submitted by:
Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Pictures from Railfest 2014

Photos by:
Tom Pescha



Division 5 BOD Meeting

March 10, 2014

A **Division 5 BOD meeting** was held on March 10, 2014 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Rob Bowers, Dave Neff, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Don Bittner, Ted Wiese, Jim Wendorf, Matt Kross, Bob Frieden, Bob Gittinger, Tom Pescha, and Lenny Kessler.

Dave Neff reported that he got some good feedback from **the program survey** we conducted. We now need to find people to do the programs requested.

Jim Wendorf and Tom Pescha reported that we are using the **Railfest** grant money effectively on a lot of advertising and that people are reporting that they are seeing or hearing the ads. Everything is in place for **Railfest 2014** although there are some last minute table sales still being done.

A sample ballot for the **Division 5 2014 elections** was presented for review and accepted. The ballots will be mailed within the next week.

The Treasurer of the **NMRA 2014 convention** has asked for a bridge loan from Division 5 in the amount of \$3,000 to allow them to keep sufficient funds in the treasury to pay bills. Division 4 has already contributed this same amount. A motion was passed to make this loan to the convention.

Because of a mistake by one of the radio stations on our **Railfest advertisements** where they mistakenly said the Railfest website was Railfest.com, a motion was made that we buy the website name Railfest.com and have it set up so that anyone going to this site would be automatically redirected to **Railfest.org**, our actual website. It was later found out that Railfest.com is already taken by someone else.

Reviewed upcoming events and programs.

The company store has sold several of our newly acquired **V&O cars**. It was noted that we need to look into selling company store items at the 2014 NMRA convention company store.

The next **Division 5 BOD meeting** will be held at Hambden Town Hall on April 14, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

The Company Store

Fairport, Painesville, and Eastern RR

The Company Store has 40 ft AAR HO scale box car kits available.

These Division 5 cars are 40 foot AAR box cars lettered for the F P & E – the shortline railroad that connected Fairport Harbor with industries east of Painesville. Two numbers are available – 203 and 207. Shipping is \$6 for one or two cars. Or you can call or email the Company Store, and they can be picked up at the next meeting.



N scale Reefers

These reefers are still available. They are \$12 each or 2 for \$22. Cars are numbered 2004 or 2005. They will be available at the division meetings or can be ordered using email. Send email requests to the Company Store address (CompanyStore@MCR5.org)



More Layouts Needed For Spring Layout Tours

We only have 7 layouts signed up for our Division 5 Spring Layout Tours. The tours will be on Saturday and Sunday of two different weekends. The dates are Saturday May 17, Sunday May 18, Saturday May 31, and Sunday June 1. We would like to have a couple layouts open on each of those days. You only have to have your layout open on one of those four days. We are looking at spreading out when the layouts are open so that the layout owners are able to visit other layouts.

We currently have several layouts tentatively scheduled for Saturday May 17. We need some more layouts for the other three days.

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.

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

Matt Kross

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?

Programs don't have to be real long. We could have two or three short programs (10 to 20 minutes) instead of one long one. We try to keep the program time to between 45 and 60 minutes.

If you have program ideas or are willing to put on a program and can't make it to the March meeting, please contact Dave Neff.

Train Collectors Association – Lake Erie

Train Collectors Association – Lake Erie Chapter Presents “Spring Train Show” on Saturday, May 3, 2014

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

Now that the Winter is over, its time to add to your train layout.

Watch the trains run on operating layouts.

New and Old Trains to Buy, Sell or Trade

Parts, repair Manuals, Price Guides, Books, Model Building Supplies, Kits and much more.

This is an All Gauge show including ‘O’, ‘S’, ‘HO’, ‘N’, ‘Z’, and Large Scale with over 150 tables .

Admission is \$6.00 each, children under twelve is free.

FREE Parking

Open to the Public 10 am to 3 pm.

For addition information, Contact David Stachnik at:

440-845-2700 or tcalakeerie@earthlink.net

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!

Pasta Dinner Fundraiser



April 28, 2014 5 pm - 8 pm

Stadium Grill

8330 Tyler Blvd.
Mentor, Ohio 44060

**Door Prizes
Train Movies
Module on display**

Menu:

- Rigatoni and Meat Sauce
 - Garlic Toast and Salad (assorted dressings)
 - Drinks available from cash bar (not included)
 - Assorted Deserts
- Sorry no take-outs



Price:

Adults: \$10.00 each, pre-sale \$9.00
Children under 14 \$3.00, under 5 Free



Proceeds are to aid in the building, refurbishing and displaying of the HO Traveling Modules. This year they will be display at Railfest 2014 in March, NMRA Convention 2014 in July, Willoughby Days 2014 in August and Farparks Holiday Lights Show 2014 in December. *Come and enjoy our endeavors.*

For more information contact: **Lenny Kessler at 440-478-6661**

Sponsor by: Lake – Geauga HO Modular Group
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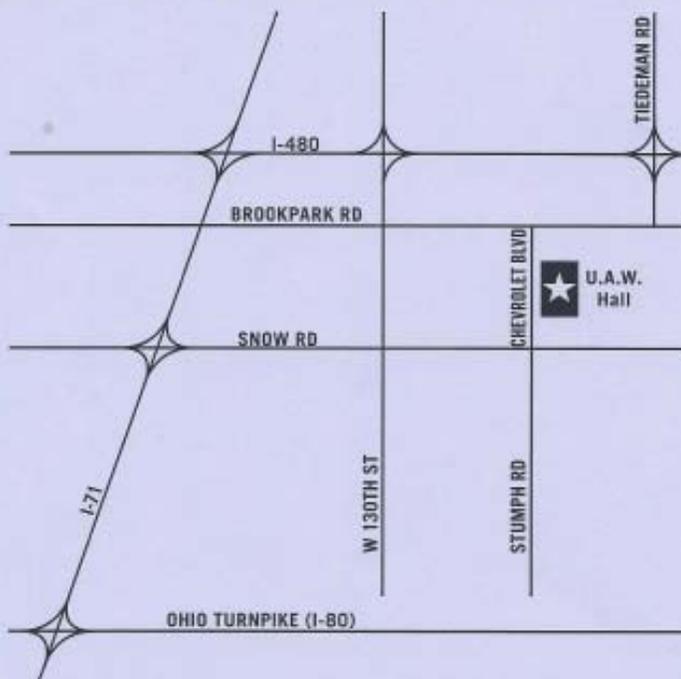
**LAKE ERIE CHAPTER
 TRAIN COLLECTORS
 ASSOCIATION
 SPRING
 TRAIN MEET**

Saturday, May 3rd, 2014

U.A.W. Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio

- Free Parking
- Ground-Level Entrance
- Good Lighting
- Wide Aisles
- Refreshments Available

- New and Old Trains
- Parts, Repair Manuals, Price Guides, Books, etc.
- Train Videos
- Model Building Supplies and Kits
- Lionel, American Flyer, MTH, Williams, Weaver, LGB
- O, S, HO, N, Z & Large Scale



NEXT LAKE ERIE CHAPTER MEET: NOV. 29, 2014

All TCA National Division Chapter Rules will be enforced.

ADMISSION: Adults \$6 • Children Free
 Open to the Public 10 am - 3 pm

For More Information Contact: David Stachnik at 440-845-2700 or tcalakeerie@earthlink.net

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

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.

**May Trainwire Deadline
 April 15th.**

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