



The Trainwire



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Road Trip



In April, the NETS group made its first road trip of 2014. The majority picked the Lake County Historical Society located in Painesville,

Ohio for its first destination. In this old nineteenth century mansion, history comes to life through a variety of programs, reenactments and interesting displays in a multitude of

rooms. There is a little something of interest for all that make the trip to visit this unique museum. Civil War buffs will have plenty to view in the numerous displays all



about the building. On this particular day, our model railroad assembly was most interested in the "O" gauge trolley layout located in a small room in the rear of the building. The layout was built by Jim Billson back in the early 70's and closely resembles down-

town Willoughby of yesteryear. After his passing some five or six years ago, His estate donated this picturesque layout to Lake County Historical Society. The trolley layout is very scenic, interesting and powers the 30 scratch built trolleys by overhead centenary

wires. As in many rooms, the walls are filled with maps, photos and memorabilia. This road trip was worth the effort and a great way to kick off another season of remarkable and distinctive places to visit for our club.



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.

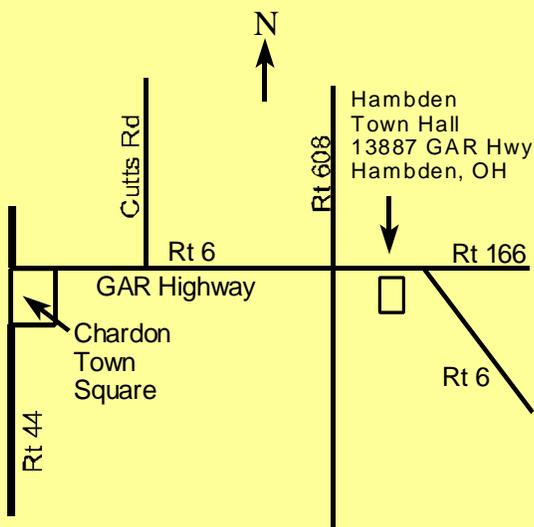
May 2nd, 2014

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

June 6th, 2014

Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: Covered hoppers by Randy Dettmer
Bring & Brag: Covered hoppers

There is no meeting in July, 2014.



Map to Hambden Town Hall

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Train Show U.A.W. Hall Cleveland, Ohio (10:00 am - 3:00 pm)	May 3
Railroads in the Park` Farmpark Kirtland, Ohio (9:00 am - 5:00 pm) <i>Boy Scout merit badge awarded on</i>	May 3 & 4 May 3
BOD Meeting Hambden Town Hall Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)	May 12
Scenic Express road trip Delmont, Pa. (7:30 am at Dale Smith's house to carpool)	June 7
BOD Meeting Hambden Town Hall Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)	June 9
Train Show U.A.W. Hall Cleveland, Ohio (10:00 am - 3:00 pm)	August 9

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

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Assistant Superintendent Dave Neff at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. There were 31 members and 6 guests present.

Several **new NMRA members** were at the meeting and introduced themselves.

The membership was complemented on all the help that was provided for this year's Railfest.

Dave Neff reported that 23 of the **program surveys** were turned in. We didn't get any volunteers to do a program but we did get a lot of great ideas for programs. The survey information has not been consolidated yet. We may look at having a program that just consists of short five to ten minute segments.

Matt Kross showed a sample of the **2014 NMRA National Convention hat**. Orders are being taken for these hats by Matt and must be turned in by our May 2 meeting. Cost is \$21.60 which includes Cuyahoga County sales tax. Payment must be made at the time of the order. Checks are to be made out to 2014 NMRA National Convention. You may order as many hats as you want.

The Lake-Geauga HO Modular Group reported on their activities. They are now holding monthly work sessions at Farmpark on the first Tuesday of every month. Their Pasta Dinner fundraiser is Monday, April 28.

The Lake Erie N-scale Society thanked the Division for their funding of the group's project to obtain a DCC system for the LENS modular layout. An NCE system was purchased and used for the first time at Railfest 2014.

We have sold 10 of our **FP&E boxcars** through the mention of the project car in the NMRA magazine.

The Division 5 Spring Layout Tour is coming together, but we could still use a few more layouts. We currently have 9 layouts for the tour. A sign-up sheet was available at the meeting.

The Division trip to **tour Scenic Express in Delmont, PA** is all set for Saturday, June 7. Those wanting to carpool should meet at Dale Smith's house that Saturday morning. The caravan will be leaving from Dale's at 7:30 am sharp.

Jim Wendorf reported that **Railfest 2014** went very well. The vendors were very happy with the help we provide to unload and load their table items. They keep telling us that this is the best show anywhere. We had 106 vendors and 10 display layouts. There were about 50 volunteer helpers and 400 vendor workers. It is estimated that we had about 4500 people in attendance with about 25% being the first time they attended the show. The increased attendance can be attributed to the significantly increased advertising that we did which was funded by the grant we received from the Lake County Visitors' Bureau. **BIG thanks to Tom Pescha** for working so hard to get the grant and generate the required report for the visitors' bureau. There were no significant problems this year. The Saturday evening dinner and program went well. The box lunches for the vendors and exhibitors on Saturday and Sunday continues to be well received. Overall, it was a great show!

The Kids Show at the Great Lakes Mall went well. Our exhibit at the show attracted lots of kids. We believe we recruited some new NMRA members.

Steve Kaplan of Division 4 and the 2014 NMRA Convention treasurer, announced again the need for volunteer help from all the divisions during the national convention in Cleveland this coming July. His wife Patty is the Volunteer Coordinator and is working on defining the roles for all the volunteers and building a database of those wishing to help.

Some **general items** for the good of the order: Dick Roth is looking for some help to fix an old 0-4-0 locomotive. Dennis Lloyd reported that the company he told us about that prints custom white decals has gone out of business.

Bring & Brag: Vegetation

Matt Kross	Bill Berger	Charlie Tidd	Ken Stroebel	Bill Osborne
Bob Gittinger	Tom Pescha	Tom Korycki	Linda Kacprzak	

Program: **Dick Roth** presented his materials, tools, and methods for making tree stumps and tree trunks.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Pictures from the April Meeting



Next Division 5 Meeting - May 2, 2014.

Division 5 BOD Meeting

April 14, 2014

A **Division 5 BOD meeting** was held on April 14, 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, Dale Smith, and Lenny Kessler.

Discussed the report submitted to the **Lake County Visitors' Bureau** by Tom Pescha to meet our grant requirements. Everyone commented that it was a job extremely well done by Tom and the Division owes him a big THANK YOU for all the time and effort he put in to request the grant, process it, gather the required event information, and generate the final report. The \$5600 dollars we received to use towards advertising Railfest 2014 allowed us to have the most successful Railfest ever.

Discussed what can be done to **compensate / thank** a member for work that is over and above the normal job expectations. We are limited by what is called out in our Regulations. Members are reimbursed for any material or travel expenses they incur. The discussion was tabled for a future BOD meeting.

Preliminary Division 5 election results were reported. With still a week remaining for receiving ballots, 57 out of 79 ballots have been received. Results indicate that Dave Neff will be elected as Superintendent and Dale Smith as Assistant Superintendent.

Jim Wendorf provided various statistics and preliminary **financial results for Railfest 2014**. It was a very successful show for us. Total attendance is now believed to be around 5200 this year compared with 3800 last year. The bill from the college is higher this year, but not significantly. 97 box lunches were sold. 34 people attended the Saturday dinner and program.

Program for May will be a freelance discussion on module design. June program will be on covered hoppers by Randy Dettmer. The June Bring & Brag theme will be covered hoppers.

We will not have a **Division 5 BOD meeting** in July due to the national convention.

We are looking at having the **Division 5 picnic** sometime in August. We will check with the Painesville Depot to see if it is available. Bob Frieden and Tom Pescha will coordinate the food for the picnic.

Sometime in the upcoming months, we will try having 4 or 5 **short programs** at one meeting for those people that just want to present a simple technique or modeling tip.

We have 10 layouts for the **Division 5 Spring Layout Tours**. The tour information will not be printed in the Trainwire. Instead, it will be e-mailed to those members that we have valid e-mail addresses for. Paper copies will be available at the May meeting and can be mailed upon request.

Dave Neff gave an update on the **2014 NMRA National Convention planning**.

Lenny Kessler reported on the activities of the **Lake-Geauga HO Modular Group**. Their fundraiser is April 28. They have gained a few members. The group needs to overhaul the control system for their modules. Lenny is putting together a funding request to the Division. They are thinking about building end loop modules to allow them to do smaller setups so that they have more opportunities to show their modules.

Ted Wiese reported that we are missing a case of the **FP&E hoppers that was at Railfest**. If anyone knows where it is, please let Ted know. We have sold 10 cars via our website. We swapped 10 of our FP&E hoppers for 10 cars from Division 4 to have for sale. We will be using our FP&E boxcar kits for the Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge workshop at Farmpark in May.

The next **Division 5 BOD meeting** will be held at Hambden Town Hall on May 12, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Pictures from Kids Day @ the Great Lakes Mall



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!

Division 5 Spring 2014 Layout Tours

We are trying an experiment this year to spread our layout tours over four days so that people will have a chance to visit more layouts and so that the layout owners will have a chance to visit layouts also. The following layouts will be open for our tours:

Name	Location	Date Open	Times Open	Brief Description
Dick Naramore	Jefferson, OH	Saturday May 17	10am to 5pm	HO – PRR - Central PA
Gary Shaffer	Kingsville, OH	Saturday May 17	10am to 5pm	HO – PRR – PA/OH
Ted Wiese	Kirtland, OH	Saturday May 17	1pm to 5pm	On3 - Colorado
Dave Hanna	Mentor, OH	Sunday May 18	1pm to 4pm	HO – PRR Middle Division
Matt Kross	Chesterland, OH	Saturday May 31	10am to 5pm	N - Freelance Western PA
Tony Spena	Concord, OH	Saturday May 31	1pm to 5pm	HO, Lionel O, G - freelance
Terry Kolenc	Mentor, OH	Saturday May 31	2pm to 4pm	HO – UP – Cheyenne, WY
Don Thomas	Chardon, OH	Sunday June 1	2pm to 4pm	HO – GN flavor
Dave Neff	Willoughby, OH	Sunday June 1	2pm to 5pm	N – Pocahontas roads
Pat Flash	Roaming Shores, OH	Sunday June 1	1pm to 4pm	HO – B&O flavor – MD/OH

Detailed layout descriptions, owner addresses, and maps to the layouts are in the Division 5 Spring 2014 Layout Tour Guide and are **NOT** included in this Trainwire due to NMRA confidentiality rules. Also, the tour information will **NOT** be available on the Division 5 website. The Layout Tour Guide will be e-mailed to Div 5 members for which we have current e-mail addresses. Paper copies of the guide will be available at the May 2 Division 5 meeting at Farmpark. Additional electronic or paper copies will also be sent upon request. Send your request either by e-mail to Clerk@mcr5.org, by mail to: Matt Kross, 12049 Sperry Road, Chesterland, OH 44026, or call Matt at 440-668-9462 (cell).

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)





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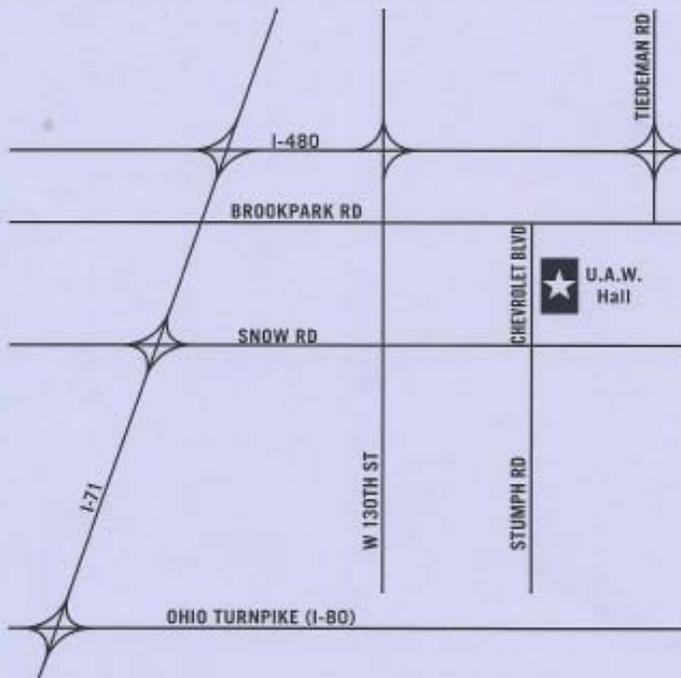
**SPRING
TRAIN MEET**

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

**THE GREAT
BEREA
TRAIN SHOW**

**Saturday, October 4, 2014
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Sunday, October 5, 2014
11a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds – Berea, Ohio

164 Eastland Road, Berea, Ohio 44017



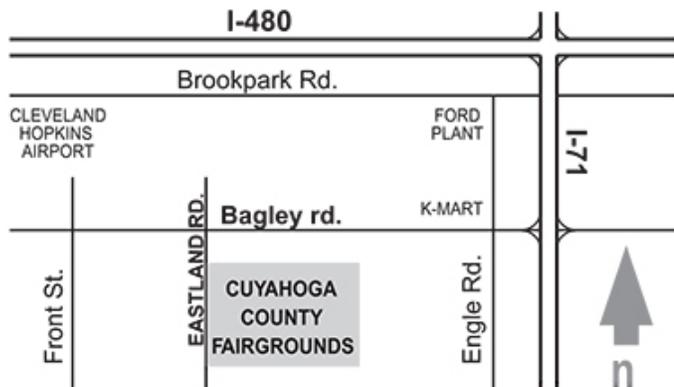
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 JULY 13-20, 2014**

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Wanted

The Trainwire is always looking for an interesting article. If you have taken a trip lately, seen something interesting trackside, have a particular view point on a railroad subject or just want to participate in the Modelers Corner; then we want to hear from you. Everyone wants to be kept current on Division information, but we all enjoy an interesting article written by a member of this organization. So take your pictures and article and send them to the Editor by email and share them will all of us.

**June Trainwire Deadline
 May 15th.**

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