



The Trainwire



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Superintendent's Report

Getting the Most out of the NMRA and Division 5

You've heard the question before, "What's in NMRA membership for me?" And likewise you also have heard before many several answers; camaraderie, fellowship, inspiration, adherence to standards by the model manufacturers, the library, etc. Well, just a few days from receiving this issue of the Trainwire, another major benefit is the once-in-our-lifetime opportunity to participate in the National NMRA Convention right here in our area! I know many, if not all of you, our regular meeting participants, will be either registered for the convention, volunteering, hosting/assisting on operating sessions, engaging in the modular layouts, and visiting the National Train Show at the end of the week.

Now, I would like to issue a *special* invitation to those of you who are NMRA members, on our roster, but are missing from our monthly meetings. Come on out to the convention and/or the National Train Show (I bet you ARE planning to come to that), and re-acquaint yourself or introduce yourself to your fellow Division 5 members in the HO and LENS modular layouts, and to other Division members who are running about during the convention and train show. NOTE---GOOD IDEA FOR ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIVISION 5 SHIRTS TO WEAR THEM AT THE CONVENTION, (*Unless of course you are wearing the convention volunteer shirt!*)

I will also wager that there are "lone wolf" model railroaders out there living within our tri-county area that are not yet



Dave Neff – Superintendent
 Division 5
 NMRA – Mid Central Region

NMRA members. If you happen to run into any of them, remember that we are all "sellers", not just train show "buyers". *Sell* the benefits of participating *actively* in Division 5, and direct them to the NMRA sign-up table in the Exhibit Hall.

Dave Neff, *Superintendent*



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.

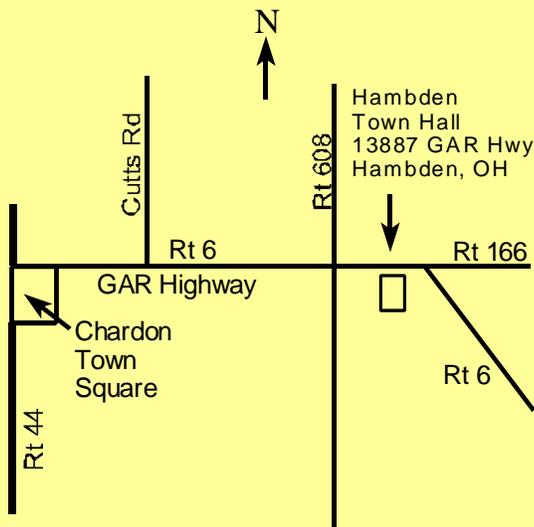
There is no meeting in July, 2014.

August 1st, 2014

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: Sharing convention experiences
 Bring & Brag: Treasures found @ convention train shows

September 5th, 2014

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



Map to Hambden Town Hall

SCHEDULED EVENTS

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| Railfanning Day
Painesville Depot Museum
475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio (10:00 am - 5:00 pm) | July 12 |
| 2014 NMRA National Convention
Cleveland, Ohio | July 13 - 19 |
| 2014 National Train Show
Cleveland, Ohio
Friday 9 am-noon Convention registrants - Public Noon - 6pm
Saturday 10 am - 6 pm
Sunday 10am - 5 pm | July 18 - 20 |
| L.S.L.S. Public run
Penitentiary Glen
Kirkland, Ohio (1:00 pm - 3:00 pm) | July 20 |
| Division 5 Picnic
Painesville Depot Museum
Painesville, Ohio (2:00 pm - 6:00 pm) | August 2
<i>(flyer on page 8)</i> |
| Train Show
U.A.W. Hall
Cleveland, Ohio (10:00 am - 3:00 pm) | August 9
<i>(flyer on page 9)</i> |
| BOD Meeting
Hambden Town Hall
Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm) | August 11 |
| Berea Train Show | October 4 & 5
<i>(flyer on page 10)</i> |
| Railfanning Day
Painesville Depot Museum
475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio (10:00 am - 5:00 pm) | October 11 |

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Superintendent **Dave Neff** at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. 31 members and 10 guests were present.

Previous Superintendent **Rob Bowers** officially turned over the office to newly elected Superintendent Dave Neff.

Pat Flash was presented with his recently earned NMRA Chief Dispatcher AP Certificate.

The Lake Geauga HO Modular Group reported on their upcoming activities. They will have five modules in the large HO modular layout at the National Train Show. They have 22 basic module frames constructed but only 7 finished modules.

The Lake Erie N-scale Society reported that their layout at the National Train Show is currently at 18ft x 26ft and that they have room for more N-Trak modules.

Patty Kaplan, 2014 NMRA Convention Volunteer Coordinator, talked about the need for convention volunteers, what the various job assignments entailed, and how to sign up.

It was announced that Division 5 will reimburse **Division members** for actual parking costs up to \$10 per day that they put in at least 4 hours of official volunteer time at the convention.

Matt Kross announced that one of the **convention tours in our area had to be cancelled** due to not enough people signing up to reach the breakeven point for the bus.

The convention banquet requires that you sign up in advance. There won't be any banquet tickets available at the time of the convention due to the cutoff date required by the caterer.

The **Division 5 picnic** is still a go for Saturday, August 2, 2014 from 2pm to 6pm at the Painesville Depot. A flyer with the details will be in the Trainwire. The picnic is free to Division members and their family.

We will be having an **August meeting** at the usual time and place.

The **Division 5 Spring 2014 layout tours** generally went well. Attendance at layouts ranged from 10 to 25 people.

The Scenic Express trip for June had to be cancelled due to a scheduling problem at Scenic Express. The trip will definitely be rescheduled for some time in the Fall.

Harley and Dale Smith have purchased an HO collection from an individual and are selling it off. If interested in looking at the items, contact them.

Bring & Brag: Theme – Covered Hoppers

Don Thomas	Ken Stroebel	Bill Berger	Dave Neff	Paul Chapple	Bruce Lutheran
Alan Arthur	Don Bittner	Tom Pescha	Tom Korycki	Matt Kross	Tom Carr

Program: Randy Dettmer of Division 1 presented a clinic on covered hoppers showing the different car styles, the commodities that they carry, and the loading/unloading methods.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Pictures from the June Meeting

Pat Flash was presented with his earned NMRA Chief Dispatcher AP Certificate.



Belated Congratulations To Skip Giddings



Skip Giddings earned his Chief Dispatcher AP Certificate almost a year ago. We presented Skip with his certificate at his house back in October but missed putting the announcement in the Trainwire. Sorry about that Skip. Belated congratulations!

Division 5 BOD Meeting

June 9, 2014

A **Division 5 BOD meeting** was held at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Dave Neff, Dale Smith, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Matt Kross, Bob Orlando, Bob Frieden, Rob Bowers, Ted Wiese, Don Bittner, Tom Pescha, and Lenny Kessler.

Division 5 will sell our **Company Store items** at the Buy It Now section of the Auction Room at the NMRA National Convention. We will not be charged any commission on these items.

Motion was passed to rent the following **Division equipment** to the NMRA National Convention for use in the Silent Auction Room: two laptops, laser printer, and receipt printer for \$120/week for each item and computer networking equipment for \$50/week.

We will provide 750 **Division 5 trifold brochures** to the NMRA membership booth at the National Train Show. Tom Pescha has already gotten these printed.

The Mid Central Region membership meeting is Saturday June 14. Division 5 Superintendent Dave Neff will be attending. He has submitted a written report ahead of time for publication.

The BOD reviewed the **current status** of our 2014 spending versus our budget. We are well under budget and financially, everything looks fine for the rest of this year.

There was some discussion about the development of a **new custom car** for the Division. It was decided to table this discussion until after the national convention. We still have approximately 200 of our Western Reserve N scale refrigerator cars left. We also have about 80 HO cars, 6 N sugar houses, and 3 O sugar houses. In addition, we have committed to purchasing, at cost, all of the left over N scale national convention cars for us to resell.

Everything is moving forward with the **Division picnic** on August 2. It will be very similar to what was done last year. Discussed the issue of paying for special services rendered to the Division by members. It was decided that any such services should be officially invoiced to the Division and paid like any other bill. However, the services and price must be agreed to before the work is done.

Reviewed upcoming events, programs, and Bring 'n Brag themes. We have some potential programs by Pat Flash and Paul Chapple for the Fall. It was decided that the August meeting program will be the membership sharing their experiences at the NMRA National Convention. The August Bring 'n Brag theme will be "Treasures You Found At The Convention".

To satisfy a requirement by the bank that handles our Division 5 checking and savings account, the following resolution was passed by the BOD: The officers listed for Division 5 are legitimate and the Division is following the requirements of our **official NMRA MCR Division 5 Regulations and the laws of the State of Ohio.**

We are going to try to put some new life back in our **NMRA Achievement Program**. We will start by reviewing the program and its requirements at one of our upcoming meetings.

We are looking for volunteers to be our **Division Tripmaster and Bring 'n Brag coordinator**. If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact Dave Neff.

Bob Orlando submitted a written proposal for a monthly and quarterly diorama contest. This is similar to what was discussed about a year ago but some changes and refinements have been made to address the issues that people had. The monthly diorama will be open to anything you want to do in your scale per the dimension requirements. The quarterly diorama will be a special theme. There are still details to be worked, especially regarding how the winner will be chosen and what the prizes will be. A handout with the details will be available at the August meeting. We are proposing to start this diorama contest in October or November.

There **won't** be a **BOD meeting** in July due to the NMRA National Convention. The next Division 5 BOD meeting will be August 11, 2014 at 7:30pm at Hambden Town Hall.

Submitted by: Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

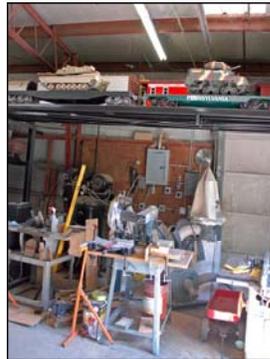
Blueberry Railroad Road Trip



On Saturday June 7th, 2014 the NETS group was invited to take a ride on the Blueberry Railroad in Geneva, Ohio by the volunteers of the miniature railroad.

We couldn't have picked a more perfect day weather wise, plenty of sunshine, a clear blue sky, temp in the mid 70's and low humidity. Several of our club members and their families made the short trip to Geneva to

enjoy this ever expanding railroad nestled between the Norfolk and CSX mainlines, perfect for railfanning and we were not disappointed. I found out that this railroad started nine years ago by volunteers that



originated from Penitentiary Glen. There were two small engines pulling several cars for anxious riders. In addition the volunteers brought out a work engine and built a third train. Not to be outdone, one of the engineers fired up an active coal

fired steam engine and hooked it up to an existing passenger train. A ride on this train was very nostalgic bringing back the sounds and smells of exhaust from the firebox of a magnificent replica of yesteryear. There is just something about the steam era

that those who lived through it will never forget. While this railroad may lack a majority of track traversing through the woods, the many bridges and a very long trestle that are found in Penitentiary Glen, it is

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Blueberry Railroad cont....



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easy to see with all of the future turnouts that the Blueberry Railroad layout has, it will surely expand to

an immense complex far beyond the imagination. In addition to the miles of track and numerous engines and rolling stock, the ninety plus acre complex has a fully furnished

machine shop capable of fabricating parts and maintaining all of their equipment. There is also a multi-level storage barn for engines and rolling stock that has access to a



hydraulic powered transfer table capable of moving train cars and engines horizontally and vertically. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this road trip and I'm sure that it will be repeated, probably in late September

or early October. I would like to personally thank Dave Hird and the Blueberry volunteers for showing us a great time.





Div. 5 Picnic



**Saturday, August 2, 2014
2:00pm to 6:00pm**

At

The Painesville Depot

475 Railroad Street

Painesville, Ohio 44077

www.painesvilledepot.org

Driving directions

Exit Rt 2 at Richmond Street, South one block to Chester,
East on Chester to N. State Street,
South on N. State Street (under the RR bridge),
East on Railroad Street to Depot



Join in on good fellowship and railfanning!



Menu:

Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs
Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, Coleslaw, Chips
Hobo Beans,
Desert
Pop & water



Food is being provide by Div. 5

Admission: **Free** to all Div 5 members and immediate family.

RSVP by July 24, 2013 to Bonnie at:
(440) 298-3075 or send an e-mail to Treasurer@MCR5.org



Be sure to bring your Camera and a CHAIR!

Cleveland's Back to School Train Show



REVISED DATE

Saturday, August 9, 2014

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



10:00 am to 3:00 pm



Admission: \$6.00, Kids under twelve Free

This is an ALL Gauge Show with over 150 tables of trains and toys.

Don't miss the *First Train Show* of the Fall Season

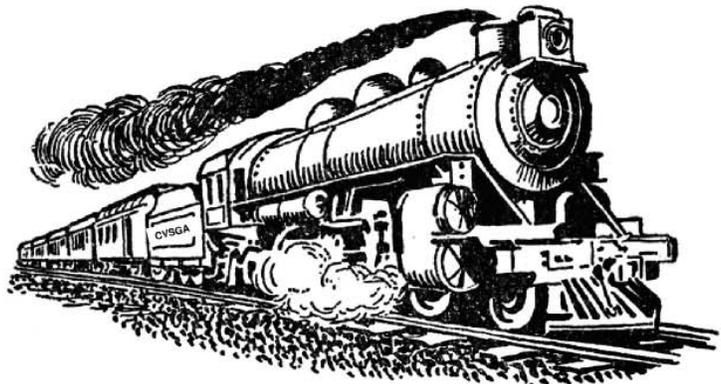
Operating Layout of several gauges

Good Food

Free Parking

For Table Info call:

216-662-6928 or 440-526-9864



Our next Train Show is January 3, 2015

Show sponsored by Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge Association (www.cvsqa.com)

**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

- Free Parking
- 4 Buildings
- Over 60,000 sq. ft.
- Over 300 Dealer Tables
- Operating Displays
- Great Food
- Handicap Accessible
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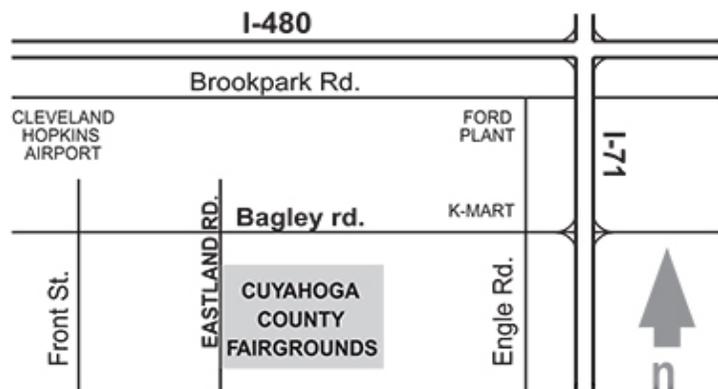


**Admission \$7.50
Under 16 Free with Adult
Special 2-Day Pass \$10.00**



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**NATIONAL CONVENTION**

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

www.2014cleveland.org

August Meeting Announcement

Just giving you an early 'heads-up' on what we're doing for our August 2 meeting. Since the NMRA convention in Cleveland is a once-in-our lifetime local event, we thought it would be the source of a good idea for our August meeting. A show-and-tell on "What I did on my Summer vacation". That is, most of us will be at the convention and National Train Show, hosting and participating in Ops sessions, touring, volunteering, visiting, meeting new fellow modelers, etc. Let's share our convention experience, memories, new things we've learned from others, use Bring n Brag to show some really neat item we picked up at the auction or from a Train Show vendor, etc. It will be what some folks would call a 'popcorn' meeting. Just raise your hand, 'pop-up', and talk for a minute or so (being mindful of others, of course) on your memorable experiences during Convention week. And indeed, we will have **POPCORN**, and **PIZZA**. Plan to be in Hambden on Friday Aug. 2!

Dave and Dale

**August Trainwire Deadline
July 15th.**

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