



The Trainwire



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Superintendent's Report

This 'n' That

The convention is way in arrears down the track, and the flood has receded from the picnic at the Depot. Glad that so many of us could make it there despite the torrential downpour. Thanks to Tom Pescha, Bonnie, and crew for once again making this an enjoyable outing for us all. Best wishes to Jim Wendorf and his wife who are facing health issues. Also Dennis Lloyd who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

September's program will be re-visiting the NMRA Achievement Program. We need to take the mystery and fear out of this and embrace the opportunity to enjoy working on gaining certificates in the various categories. We'll discuss the elements of each category, judging, and dealing with the politics involved.

Went to the Capitol Limited N-Trak convention with three of our LENS members first week in August. Great sideline tours of National Air and Space Museum at Dulles airport, and the historical B & O Railroad Museum in Baltimore. The B & O is 'America's Railroad', the

very first one, and the museum is priceless. The grand and fabled roundhouse roof of the Mt. Clare station has been rebuilt with steel trusses versus the original cast iron following the collapse of the roof in 2003 in a severe snowstorm. Six priceless historical locomotives were damaged, and five have now been restored at huge cost and much time, but this site is on the National Historic Registry so doing nothing was not an option. If you are ever in the area, visiting this museum is an absolute must! Many unique steam locomotives to see.

Had a chance to see Allen McClelland of V & O fame once again, plus Gerry Albers' Virginian layout and actually run a train at Gerry's, second week in August on a trip through Cincinnati to a consulting assignment. If we can get a group of 10 together, Gerry is willing to host an operating session for our Division members at a mutually convenient time! Well worth considering as his layout has got to be one of the five best in the country. We'll discuss possibilities at our meeting.

We will be presenting the 'Diorama' program first conceived by Rob Bowers and



Dave Neff – Superintendent
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further fleshed out by Bob Orlando. We'll tie this into 'Promo Day' in November which is now entitled "Getting Started in Model Railroading". We need participants and we'll discuss this at the September meeting in detail.

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.

September 5th, 2014

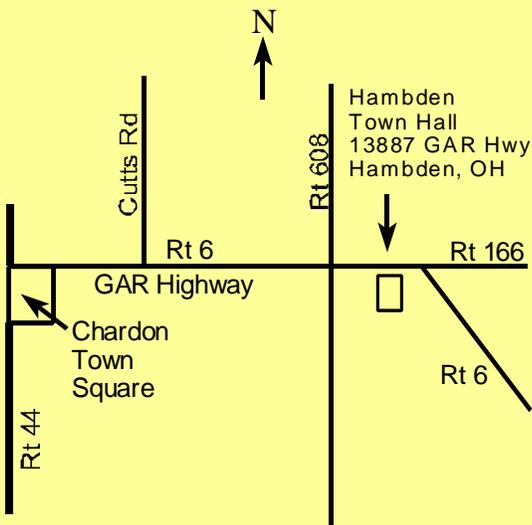
Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: NMRA Achievement Program (*Mike Buehner and Dave Neff*)
Bring & Brag: Anything Goes

October 3rd, 2014

Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: Slide program on European Trains (*Pat Flash*)
Bring & Brag: foreign trains/models

November 7th, 2014

Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: multiple mini-programs
(*\$5 certificate for being a presenter*)
Bring & Brag: TBA



Map to Hambden Town Hall

SCHEDULED EVENTS

L.S.L.S. Public run Penitentiary Glen Kirkland, Ohio (1:00 pm - 3:00 pm)	September 7
BOD Meeting Hambden Town Hall Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)	September 8
NETS Swap Meet 422 Mentor Ave. Painesville, Ohio	September 20 <i>(flyer on page 7)</i>
L.S.L.S. Public run Penitentiary Glen Kirkland, Ohio (1:00 pm - 3:00 pm)	September 28
Berea Train Show Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds 164 Eastland Road Berea, Ohio 44017	October 4 & 5 <i>(flyer on page 10)</i>
L.S.L.S. Public run Penitentiary Glen Kirkland, Ohio (1:00 pm - 3:00 pm)	October 5
Railfanning Day Painesville Depot Museum 475 Railroad Street Painesville, Ohio (10:00 am - 5:00 pm)	October 11 <i>(flyer on page 9)</i>
BOD Meeting Hambden Town Hall Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)	October 13

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Dave Neff at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. 31 members and 4 guests were present.

Reviewed **upcoming events**.

Scenic Express trip being rescheduled for September or October.

We traded some of our **Division 5 HO cars** with another division for some of theirs, so check out our current **Company Store offerings**.

The Division obtained the **unsold N scale convention cars** at cost for our Company Store. We will be working to sell these through various N-scale specific outlets as well as locally.

The NMRA 2014 convention had approximately 1200 attendees. **The National Trainshow** attendance was around 12,800. It will be a number of months before the convention financial books are closed and we find out what amount our Division will receive of the profits.

This was a **Pizza and Popcorn** refreshment night!

Bring & Brag: Theme – Treasures Found At The Convention

Bob Gittinger Dave Neff Bryan Persing Tom Pescha

Program: We had an open discussion of our experiences at the **NMRA 2014 convention**.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Diorama Build

We are modifying the proposed diorama contest to have more of a focus on education and demonstration. We would like to use this program to get members to build displays that either get them to develop new skills or show off their existing skills. We then want you to use these displays to educate the public about various aspects of railroading or model building.

Displays can consist of any model railroad related scene and be up to 10,000 square feet in your scale. The display can be square, long and narrow, or anything in between. The scale length times the scale width only need to be 10,000 scale square feet or less.

The reward: \$15 certificate for the initial completion of the display and showing it to the Division. An additional \$10 certificate will be awarded for spending at least 2 hours talking about your display with the public at a Division 5 event (*Promo Day, Railfest, etc.*).

Some Display Ideas:

Track with icing platform to explain how old-time reefers worked.

Hillside with rock outcroppings, foliage, and trees to show various scenery techniques.

Track with signals to explain how the railroad controls train movement.

Railway Express Agency freight house to explain how packages used to be delivered.

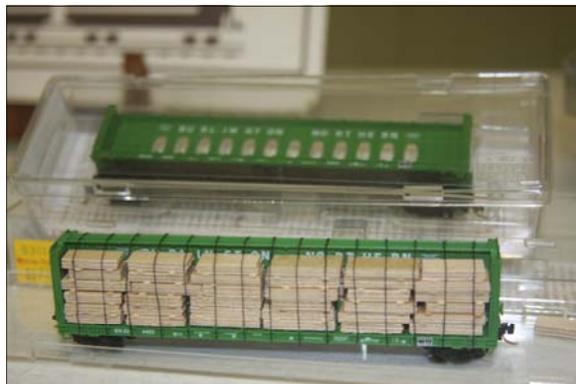
Railroad junction and interlocking tower to explain tower operations.

Convention Parking Reimbursement For Volunteers

Those Division 5 members that wish to take advantage of the Division's convention parking reimbursement offer (up to \$10/day per 4 hours/day volunteer work) need to submit your Expense Form by the September 5, 2014 meeting. You must provide receipts for your parking expenses and indicate what volunteer work you performed and the number of hours for each day of parking.



Pictures from the August Meeting



Division 5 BOD Meeting

August 11, 2014

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on August 11, 2014 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Dave Neff, Dale Smith, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Matt Kross, Bob Frieden, Ted Wiese, Don Bittner, and Tom Pescha.

Upcoming meeting programs: **September** – Mike Buehner – NMRA Achievement Program Review,
October – Pat Flash – European Trains,
November – multiple mini-programs (\$5 certificate for being a presenter),
December – tba, **January** – Holiday Party.

Talked about some possible **bus trips and event** participation. **The Kids Show** at the Great Lakes Mall will be the weekend after Railfest.

NMRA 2014 convention review: The bill for the Silent Auction equipment rental has been submitted but needs to be approved by the convention chairman before we will be paid. The bill included the rental cost for both the Division equipment and personal equipment. A motion was passed for the Division to go ahead and pay the individuals that provided their personal equipment for use in the Silent Auction.

Division 5 members put in a large number of volunteer hours at the convention. *Thank You!*

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Ted Wiese provided a current **Company Store inventory**. We have 29 HO FP&E boxcars, 10 HO N&SS boxcars, 5 HO V&O reefers, 12 HO V&O hoppers, 66 N N&SS hoppers, 124 N Western Reserve RR reefers. Pursuit of a new Division 5 custom car has been tabled for now.

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We are going to start actively promoting the **NMRA Achievement Program**. We will start with a review of the program at the September meeting.

Discussed planning for **Promo Day 2014** (“*How To Build A Model Railroad*”). Rob Bowers is coordinating. Tom Pescha has been working on publicity which includes flyers and radio ads.

The **Division 2015 budgeting process** will begin in September. Budget requests are needed by the September BOD meeting. The 2015 budget will be finalized at the November BOD meeting.

Audits of the **Division and Railfest financials** have been completed. We still need the final audit reports.

The **Division picnic** went well in spite of the *torrential rain*. There were 40 to 45 people in attendance at the Painesville Depot. The food was great and we got to watch a number of trains go by.

The next **Mid Central Region BOD meeting** will be on Sunday, September 28.

The next **Division 5 BOD meeting** will be September 8, 2014 at 7:30pm at Hambden Town Hall.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – *Division 5 Clerk*

Division 5 Annual Picnic

Photos by: Tom Pescha



On Saturday August 2nd Division 5 held its annual picnic at the Painesville Depot on Railroad Street in Painesville, Ohio. Unfortunately Mother Nature didn't get the memo and instead of a beautiful summer day,

she delivered a torrential down pour fifteen minutes before the picnic was supposed to start. A wall of water came down for almost an hour reducing visibility down to about twenty feet and turned surrounding roads into swift running rivers. Even with the dismal weather condi-

tions, thirty-five to forty steadfast members of division 5 endured the unpleasant weather to gather with friends that share a common bond, a love of trains. The participants enjoyed seven to nine lengthy freight trains displaying a wide variety of rolling stock and some



very interesting graffiti. The Division provided an excellent array of picnic food and a cooler full of ice cold beverages, sorry no beer. Tom Pescha supplied a dish he

calls "*hobo beans*", which happen to be my favorite. His savory concoction of a multiple variety of beans laced with his own secret ingredients was a delight to the

palate. Here's hoping that we can do this again next year and maybe this time Mother Nature will get the memo and cooperate. - *Len Kessler*



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NETS - Swap & Trade Meet

All Scale Meet

Saturday – September 20, 2014

10:00 am to 3:30 pm



First Church of Christ
 422 Mentor Ave., Painesville, Ohio 44077
 (across from Lake Eire College)

**Bringing back the days of old Swap meets,
 this event is Free and Open to the Public**



Buy * Sell * Trade

Be sure to bring items you want to sell or swap

Table Cost = Donation of a non-perishable food item to the church

Load in time = 9am

Admission = Donation of a non-perishable food item to the church

Food and Drinks available

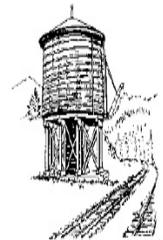
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 September 15th.**

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Railfanning Day

at

The Painesville Railroad Museum,
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077



Spend a day RailFanning at the Painesville Depot

VISIT THIS HISTORICAL TRAIN DEPOT



**THE DEPOT OPENED IN 1893 FOR THE
LAKE SHORE AND MICHIGAN SOUTHERN LINE**

THE DEPOT IS ON THE CSX MAIN LINE -Mile Post 153.2-



Saturday, October 11, 2014

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Be sure to bring your Camera and a CHAIR!

Food and Drinks available

painesvillerrailroadmuseum@gmail.com

wrrra.webs.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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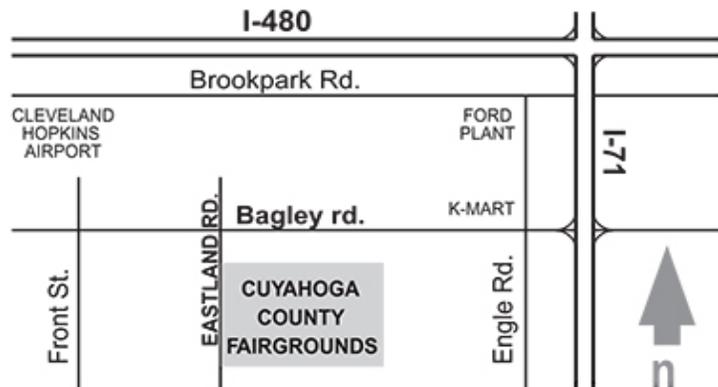


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