



The Trainwire



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Model Railroading in the Twilight

No, I'm not talking about the 'sunset' of the day, but the multi-faceted twilight of our years. We all know the old saw of the approaching retirement years: "What are you going to do with your time when you retire?" And we all know of tales like "Poor ole Joe, he retired last year and only lasted a couple of months before he passed on, he didn't seem to have any outside interests other than work".

For all of us who are retired and are still around I will maintain that one of the reasons that we are still kicking is that we all have something to do that maintains our interests—namely model railroading.

Interest in the hobby can appear in many forms---some of us are or may be strictly railfans, interested only in the full-scale 'big boys' that ply the tracks. Others are avid modelers of railroad items, but don't have a layout; some because of space constraints, others because their physical limitations

don't allow them to do all that they wish. Still others are full dyed-in-the-wool model railroaders with layouts big and small. Some of these may be truly 'finished', most others are not. Operations, incessant maintenance, and continued detailing keep us busy and interested. Yet even others among us are mainly 'arm-chair' railroaders who enjoy simply reading about prototype railroads and railroad histories. Many of us 'multi-task' within all of these aspects to the railroad hobby.

Fact is, there's room for all of these types---all of us---at the diner down by the tracks in the yard of our imagination. This is what the NMRA is all about---a *community of like souls*. We are indeed fortunate to have the opportunity to share in the joy that railroading in its many forms brings to us. No one specific interest is superior to any other---we're all in it for the camaraderie and the sharing of common interests and experiences.

Coming up is our 'promo day'---or as we have



Dave Neff – Superintendent
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re-titled it 'How to Build a Model Railroad'. We have several basic technique 'stations' lined up—from benchwork through scenery, and there will be several layouts on display at Lakeland Community College on Saturday November 1st, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Come on out and share your enthusiasm for the hobby with new folks! Show them that whether you're 8 or 80, model railroading is where it's at!

Dave Neff,
Division Superintendent



UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

Division 5 monthly meetings normally start at 7:30 PM.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

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.

November 7th, 2014

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

Bring & Brag: Dioramas, Promo Day Materials

December 5th, 2014

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: Building Cardstock Structures (*Paul Chapple*)

Bring & Brag: "Soft Structures" no plastic or wood

January 2nd, 2015

No Meeting This Month.

Promo Day (Building a Model Railroad) November 1
 Lakeland Community College
 Kirtland, Ohio 44094 (9:00 am - 2:00 pm)

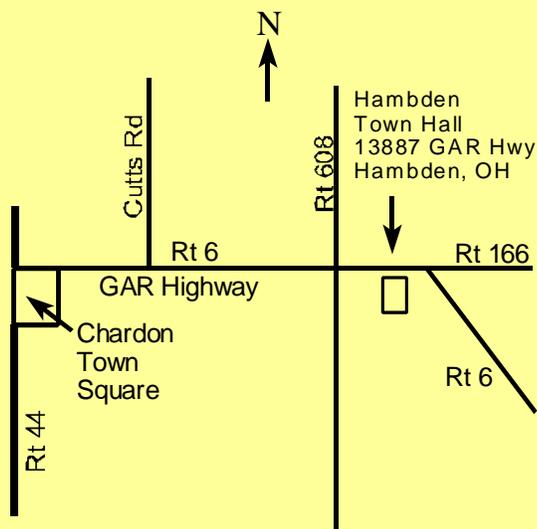
Division 1 Annual Flea Market November 2
 Akron Yacht Club
 3575 South Main Street
 Portage Lakes area (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)

Diecast Collectible Toy Show November 8
 Lakeland Community College
 Kirtland, Ohio 44094 (9:00 am - 2:00 pm)

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

Thanksgiving Train Show November 29
 UAW Hall
 5615 Chevrolet Blvd.
 Cleveland, Ohio

Scenic Express trip December 6



Map to Hambden Town Hall

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Dave Neff at 7:30 pm at the home of Harley Smith. 23 members and 4 guests were present.

We have an opportunity to attend an **operating session** on Jerry Albers' layout in the Cincinnati area. Possible Saturday dates are **December 6, January 10, or February 7**. Those interested in participating need to tell Dave Neff by **November 7** which dates would work for you. If there is interest, we will pick the date which the most people can attend.

Division 5's **How To Build A Model Railroad Promo Day** is Saturday **November 1**. We have spots for up to 15 "**how-to**" stations. Some of the topics that will be covered are benchwork construction, scenery, basic layout wiring, making trees, building with styrene, building cardstock structures, and model railroad operations. We will have several small display layouts there. Setup starts at 7am. Doors are open to the public from 9 am to 2 pm.

The Lake Geauga HO Modular Group reported that they will have some new modules on display at Promo Day and Farmpark Country Lights. They are looking for donations of railroad magazines to hand out to the public. They also will need help manning their layout and displays during Country Lights.

Dave Neff reported on discussions held with Farmpark administrators to address our concerns with the new location for our Country Lights layouts. Farmpark wants us to continue to setup our layouts for their event and are working to alleviate as many of the problems as possible. Some of the main issues being addressed are layout room security and getting more of the park visitors to the layout room. The HO layout will be set up November 28 to December 12. The N layout will be set up December 13 to December 23.

The NETS Swap Meet went very well. They had about 80 people attend which is considered a successful event. They will be holding another meet in the spring.

Assistant Superintendent Dale Smith reported on the recent MCR BOD meeting. The MCR 2015 convention in Lexington, KY is looking promising. The Region has a new fund raising project. It is a laser-cut schoolhouse that can also be used as generic building. It will be available in HO, S, and O. Each division will be asked to sell some quantity of the building kits. The Region newsletter is in need of article submissions. Submissions earn you points towards your Model Railroad Author AP certificate. The Region is looking for a volunteer to be a manufacturer liaison. This person would assist all divisions that want to do a custom car or structure.

We are slowly selling the various HO cars that we have in the **Company Store**. Also, out of the 120 N convention hoppers we purchased, we have sold all but 45 of them.

The new potential dates for our Division 5 trip to **Scenic Express** are December 6, 7, 13, or 14. These are Saturdays and Sundays. Saturday December 6 was the preferred date by those present at the meeting. Those interested in going on this trip should contact Dale Smith (e-mail: dale.smith@mcr5.org).

Bring & Brag:

Bonnie Lette
Bryan Persing

Bob Gittinger
Don Bittner

Tom Pescha
Bill Berger
Paul Chapple

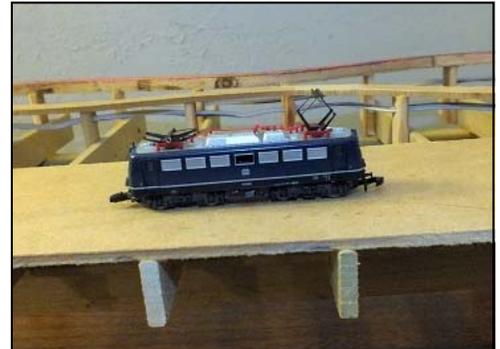
Program: Pat Flash provided an interesting history of the building of the East Africa Railroad. If you think the American railroads encountered problems building their lines, you should learn what the EAR had to deal with, such as man-eating lions.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Pictures from the October Meeting

Photos by: Tom Pescha



Next Division 5 Meeting
November 7, 2014.



Division 5 BOD Meeting

October 13, 2014

A **Division 5 BOD meeting** was held on October 13, 2014 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Dave Neff, Dale Smith, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Matt Kross, Bob Gittinger, Rob Bowers, Don Bittner, Ted Wiese, Lenny Kessler, and Tom Pescha.

We have the following presenters so far for **“How To Build A Model Railroad”** Day: Wayne Lette, Dick Roth, Bob Gittinger, Rich Kacprzak, Linda Kacprzak, Ken Stroebel, Matt Kross, Lou Dreher, Pat Flash, and Paul Chapple. We will have 20 free radio promos, ads in Family Magazine and the News Herald.

The **Division 5 Holiday Party** is tentatively scheduled for either Friday, January 9, 2015 at 7:00pm or Saturday, Jan 10 at 5:00pm. We will poll the members to see which day is preferable.

Dave Neff proposed the following list of programs and B&B themes:

	Presenter	Program	Bring & Brag Theme
Nov	multiple	Layout Videos and Short Subjects	Dioramas, Promo Day Materials
Dec	Paul Chapple	Building Cardstock Structures	“Soft Structures” no plastic or wood
Jan	--	HOLIDAY PARTY	--
Feb	Lenny Kessler	Building a Trestle Bridge	Bridges
Mar	(Ted Wiese)	Narrow Gauge Modeling	Narrow gauge, off-scale
Apr	(Bruce Lutheran)	Southern Railroad Museum	Locomotives
May	Dennis Sautters	Track Maintenance & Inspection Vehicles	Speeders, MOW
June	Ron Morgan	Building an Ethanol Plant	Grainaries, grain hoppers / hauling

The trip to Delmont, PA to visit **Scenic Express** is set for **Saturday, December 6**.

Some other trips being investigated are to the **Ages Of Steam Roundhouse** and an **operating session on Jerry Albers’ layout** in Cincinnati. The possible dates to visit Jerry’s layout are December 7, January 10, or February 7. An orientation session would start at 11:00 am so we would have to leave our area before 7 am. We would operate from 12pm to 4pm and then return home.

We talked to one person at the **Division 4 train show** that might be interested in attending Division 5 meetings. Dave Neff is going to work on getting him to a couple of meetings.

The 2014 NMRA National Convention in Cleveland ended up making a profit. The exact numbers are not finalized yet. There are still some outstanding expenses, payments that have not been received, and some issues to be resolved. We received a rough estimate of the share that Division 5 will receive.

Dale Smith presented more details of items discussed at the recent **MCR BOD** meeting. Besides the items he presented at the Division 5 membership meeting, the following additional topics were outlined: review of revisions to the MCR regulations, issue of transferring some USA members of the Niagara Frontier Region to the Mid Central Region (this would not affect Division 5), and a detailed set of rules for conducting an MCR regional convention contest.

The BOD reviewed and adjusted our proposed **2015 Division 5 budget**. The budget will be finalized and approved at the **November BOD meeting**.

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

Submitted by: Matt Kross - *Division 5 Clerk*

Change is in the Wind

Photos by: Tom Pescha



The Painesville Railroad Museum at 475 Railroad St, Painesville, Ohio hosted its third and final railfanning day of the year on Saturday October 11th, 2014. This time the weather was much nicer, a bit

breezy, but clear, bright and sunny, perfect for watching and filming large trains in a safe environment. The Depot provided burgers, dogs, baked beans, snacks and beverages for a small donation, for the folks that had a taste for something from the grill. Among the

sixty to seventy visitors was a small den of Cub Scouts from Chardon, Ohio. These events are a great way to do some serious railfanning up close and personal. If you would like to spend a relaxing day observing trains in the company of other train enthusiasts, this



is a place you want to visit. Bring a folding camp chair, a camera and enjoy the ambiance. Interest in restoring the depot has increased and the association welcomes new members and donations, cash and/or items. The association is making plans for 2015 and has already proposed four dates for railfanning.

In addition to an upcoming fundraiser in January, the Depot will be hosting a paranormal evening for a group of ghost hunters on Saturday November 15th, 2014. (www.hauntedhousewives.com) There is a lot of work ahead for the association, but volunteers are lining up and all we need now is the funding.

Things will be better next year, come on down, get involved and help us get back on track.

SOS (Save Our Station) - Len Kessler



The Fitzwater Maintenance Yard



In less than two weeks after riding the **Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad**, The NETS group returned to the Cuyahoga Valley Park. Along with mem-

bers of the **OTTS** group we toured the Fitzwater maintenance yard which is about four miles south of the Rockside station by rail. While the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad and the Cuyahoga

Valley National Park System are separate entities, they work in conjunction with each other. The parks own the land, the right of way and the buildings; the railroad owns the engines and the



rolling stock. The tour was originally set up by Don Akins but he was unable to meet us at the yard because of a previous commitment. In Don's absence, Russ Jaite volunteered to be our

tour guide and answered numerous questions about the machine shop and the operation of the yard. The maintenance shop was impressive, especially the large power tools required to work on

the huge engines and the rolling stock, including the many passenger cars. Outside, Russ also provided a lot of information about the specific passenger cars

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Fitzwater Yard cont....

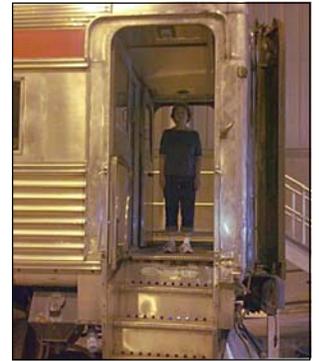


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that were in the yard, including the two private passenger cars that were there on a layover. The big surprise was the Nickel Plate 765 steam engine was still on the premises. We were able to really see this marvel of yesteryear up

close and personal. There were countless pictures taken of this magnificent historical giant and many in our company took the opportunity to climb on board to get an excellent view of the cab of this splendid steam engine. Once again, our group lucked out with the weather, low seventies and

practically no humidity, clear skies and plenty of sunshine. The tour ended with the arrival of the north bound train that stopped just before five o'clock to rotate the crew members. - *Len Kessler*



North Platte, Nebraska

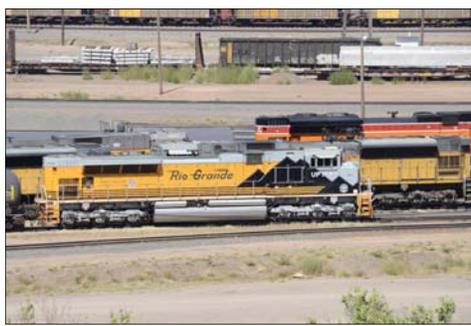
By: Bill Berger



North Platte has several things to offer a Railroad Buff. There is the Golden Spike Tower overlooking the Union Pacific's Bailey Yard. The Bailey yard is the World's largest Train Yard and it

handles 10,000 cars a day. There are two city parks with locomotives in them. Cody Park has a Challenger, 6922(EMD freight unit), an RPO, and the Union Pacific Museum & Depot Display. The other park is Memorial Park with a 2-8-0 Steam Engine.

Rail Town USA Rail Fest is on the third weekend of September every year. The Union Pacific brings in its Heritage Locomotive as well as its two operating steam locomotives and there are Interactive Displays, tours, food, etc.



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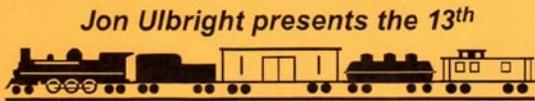
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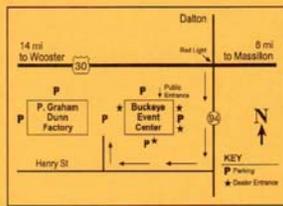
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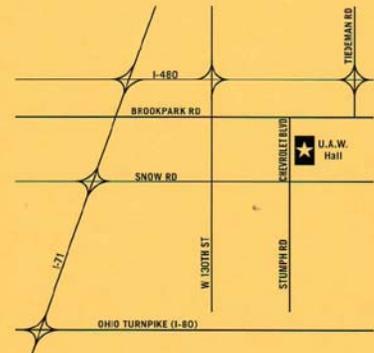
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**December Trainwire Deadline
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