



The Trainwire



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Superintendent's Report

Hi HO, Hi HO (and N, S, O, Narrow Gage as well)

You know the song, "**Hi Ho, Hi Ho, it's off to work we go**" etc. It's no less true for Division 5 as we begin the new year. We have a little work to do---continuing to build community among us '**regulars**', inviting new (and experienced) model railroaders to join us, and looking for new and exciting ways to strengthen our meetings and make them more meaningful to us. I have a number of ideas which I will share with the BOD in January, and if we're in agreement we can hopefully begin to unfold some of these ideas in our February meeting. The January meeting, of course, on Friday Jan. 9, is our annual Holiday party. There will be the usual festivities, including socializing at 6 p.m., a great meal at 6:30 p.m.,

followed by the Chinese auction. Don't forget to bring-a-gift, receive-a-gift. Plus, we'll have the fabulous drawing---"**losers raffle**"---picking from all the non-winners of our meeting raffles throughout the past year.

Let's get back to this month's article title. We have a representation of all model railroad gauges in our Division---but just 'fair'. There are many others out there---whom at least some of us know---that are not regular Division meeting attendees. I challenge all of us to not just invite, but actually BRING someone new (**or old**) to the February meeting.

As you will receive this issue of the Trainwire just before Christmas, do enjoy the Christmas season and what it represents in and for our lives. Rejoice that



Dave Neff – Superintendent
 Division 5
 NMRA – Mid Central Region

for the very, very, most part our true needs are met, and that are '**wants**' are few. And that among life's enjoyment is the hobby of model railroading that give us so much pleasure, and diversion from life's troubles.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dave



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.

January 2nd, 2015

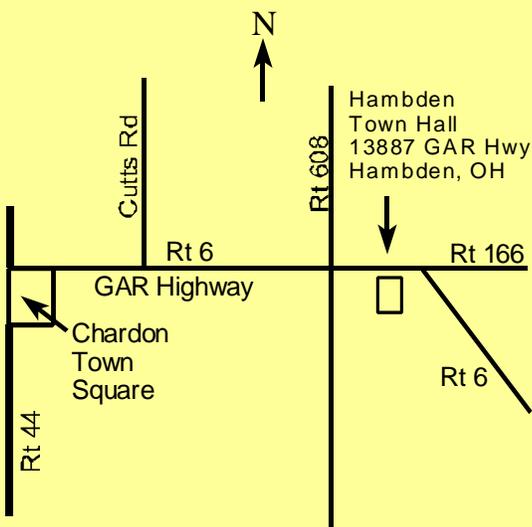
No Meeting This Month.

February 6th, 2014

Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: Building a Trestle Bridge (*Len Kessler*)
Bring & Brag: Bridges

March 6th, 2014

Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: Narrow Gauge Modeling (*Ted Wiese*)
Bring & Brag: Narrow gauge, off-scale



Map to Hambden Town Hall

SCHEDULED EVENTS

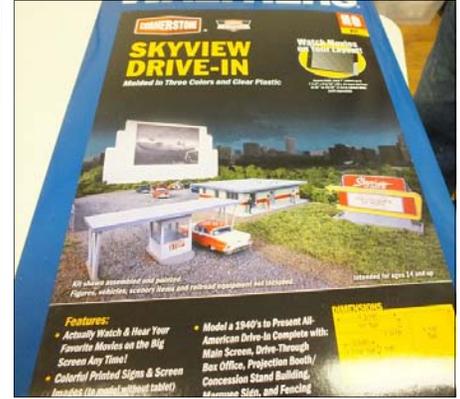
2015

- Snow Dog Train Show** **January 3**
UAW Hall,
5615 Chevrolet Blvd.,
Parma, Ohio 44130 *(10 am to 3 pm.)*
Admission: **\$6.00** each, children under 12 **free** and parking is **FREE**.
- Division 5 Holiday Party** **January 9**
Hambden Town Hall
Hambden, Ohio *(6:00 pm dinner @ 6:30 pm)*
- Antique & Collectible Toy Show** **January 10**
Lakeland Community College
7700 Clocktower Dr. *(flyer on Page 9)*
Kirtland, Ohio 44094 *(9:00 am to 2:00 pm)*
Admission: **Adults \$6.00** each, **Children \$2.00** (6-12)
- Division 5 BOD Meeting** **January 12**
Hambden Town Hall
Hambden, Ohio *(7:30 pm)*
- Winter Train Meet** **January 17**
UAW Hall,
5615 Chevrolet Blvd., *(flyer on Page 13)*
Parma, Ohio 44130 *(10 am to 3 pm.)*
Admission: **\$6.00** each, **\$8.00**, children under 12 **free** and parking is **FREE**.
- Painesville Depot** **January 19**
Pasta Dinner Fundraiser
Stadium Bar and Grill,
8330 Tyler Blvd., *(5 pm to 8 pm.)*
Mentor, Ohio 44060 *(flyer on Page 10)*

Pictures from the December Meeting

Bring & Brag

Photos by: Tom Pescha



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 Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Clerk Matt Kross at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. 25 members and 4 guests were present. The Superintendent and Assistant were unavailable for the meeting.

One of Division 5's founding members, **Jim Burnham**, passed away recently.

Dick Roth is currently in rehab after his hospital stay. He will probably be moving to Arizona in the near future to live by one of his son's.

Tony Spena is recovering from his knee replacement.

Upcoming events were reviewed. About 10 people will be going to the Scenic Express visit on Saturday, December 6. The HO group currently has their modules set up at Farmpark for the Country Lights program. The N group will take their place on December 13 and go through December 22.

The Division 5 **holiday party** will be next month on Friday, January 9th. Cost is \$5 per person with no limit on the number of people you can bring. Reservations and payments are needed by tonight's meeting.

Everyone was asked to support the **Painesville Railroad Museum's** pasta dinner fundraiser on January 19th. Information is in the Trainwire.

Railfest 2015 invitations have been sent out to dealers and exhibitors.

The NETS group is looking into the possibility of a multi-day trip to visit the North Platte railroad yard in September 2015 for their Railfest weekend.

It was noted that the BOD approved the Division 5 **budget for 2015**. Members that would like to see the budget details can contact the Treasurer. In 2014, we took in more than we need to operate the Division in 2015, so we will be putting a nice chunk of money in savings. This was due to a very successful **Railfest 2014** and profits we received from the **2014 NMRA national convention**.

There will not be a **BOD meeting** in December.

Everyone was encouraged to make sure that the Clerk has your correct e-mail address so that we can notify as many members as possible about **upcoming events or cancellations due to weather**.

Modeling Question: What is a good way to store bottles of model paint? The general answer was that there isn't any good way to keep paint for long periods of time once it is opened. Generally it will only last 3 months. To make it last as long as possible, you need to get the air out of the bottle. One suggestion is to add marbles, BB's, or something similar to the bottle to reduce the amount of air left in the bottle.

Trip to **Ages Of Steam Roundhouse** being put together by David Williams (Division 4). Division 5 will be invited. There may be two possible dates to choose from. More info when it is available.

Bring & Brag: Theme – paper or cardstock models

Bill Berger

Don Bittner

Linda Kacprzak

Bryan Persing

Bob Orlando

Matt Kross

Program: Paul Chapple put on a program about building paper and cardstock models. Paul provided information on the sources for kits and had some free samples for those interested. He also had on display a large variety of paper models he had built from various kits. Some of the information and web links from his program will be published in the Trainwire.

Submitted by

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Pictures from December Program

December 5th, 2014

Photos by: Tom Pescha



Next Division 5 Meeting February 6, 2014.

Division 5 Holiday Party

When: Friday, January 9, 2015
Doors open at 6:00 pm
Dinner served at 6:30 pm
Gift exchange and Losers Raffle will start around 7:30 pm

Where: Hambden Town Hall (our normal monthly meeting location)
13887 GAR Highway (Route 6)
Chardon, OH 44024

(Located on Rt. 6 between the intersection of Rt. 608 and Rt. 166 next to Hambden Elementary School east of Chardon.)

Entertainment: Catered Buffet Dinner
Chinese Gift Exchange
Lucky Loser's Raffle Drawing

This year's costs are as follows:

\$5 for Division 5 member
\$5 for guests of a Division 5 member (no limit)

Advance sign-up and payment is required for the dinner. Cut-off date was December 5th. If you missed the sign-up and payment but still want to come for the dinner, contact Dale Smith at 440-286-4932 or e-mail Dale.Smith@mcr5.org to see if it is still possible.

If you didn't sign-up for the dinner, you can still come for the gift exchange and raffle drawing. These will start around 7:30 pm.

Chinese Gift Exchange Rules for the Christmas Party

For those people wishing to participate in the Chinese Gift Exchange, bring a **new or unused model railroad related gift** costing approximately \$15 to the party. Mark on the gift what scale it is such as "HO", "N", "Any", etc.

Note: Only those bringing a gift may participate!

All those participating will draw a number out of a hat. The person with #1 picks a gift from the table, opens it, and shows it to everyone. The person with #2 can then either pick a gift from the table or take the gift from #1. If he takes the one from #1, then #1 gets to pick another gift from the table. The person with #3 can then either pick a gift from the table or take the gift from either #1 or #2. If someone has their gift taken, they get to pick a new one from the table or take one of the gifts from someone else. They cannot take back the gift that was just taken from them! This continues with each person having the choice of either picking a gift from the table or taking a gift from one of the other participants until everyone has a gift. At the end, the person with #1 then gets to trade their gift with any of the other people. If you want, you can bring more than one gift so that you can get additional picks. It is a lot of fun and everyone is encouraged to participate!

The Doll House



Just before Christmas, Carol and Carl Neff opened their home to me, my oldest son and our band of little Indians. Carl, who is known for his expert

woodworking skills, had built a two story doll house from a set of prints he had drawn from a sketch his granddaughter gave him. Now this was not an ordinary doll house that you could buy in a local

department store, which was obvious from the wide eyed jaw dropping stares of disbelief from my tribe of little girls. The overwhelming size of this structure measured out at six feet wide, two



feet deep and five feet high. It is almost big enough for a little person to move into. The obvious aspects on the model, like the routed siding, the detailed shutters, the panes in the windows

and the operating doors stood out immediately, not to mention the holiday outdoor lighting. Even I was impressed. But my main interest was in his basement, his HO train layout. Carl modeled the

Mentor area, including the Lubrizol plant, route 44 where it meets route 2 and the Grand River. His layout also features an operating steel lift bridge that is

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Doll House cont....



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made completely out of wood. There is also a very detailed trolley system complete with electronics to make several stops



on its point to point travel. While his layout is completely finished for now, Carl shared his plans with us to expand his trains into another room where he will be modeling the *Alaskan White Pass* passenger

line. I would like to personally thank Carol and Carl for sharing this joyous experience with my three granddaughters.

- The Editor



James L. Burnham has Passed

KINGSVILLE — James Laurens Burnham, age 74, of North Main St., North Kingsville, Ohio, died Sunday, Nov. 30, 2014, at the Ashtabula County Nursing Home.

He was born April 21, 1940, in Ashtabula, Ohio, the son of Andrew L. and Clara L. (Bartram) Burnham and has been a lifetime area resident. He was a graduate of Ashtabula High School and attended technical school in Chicago, Ill.

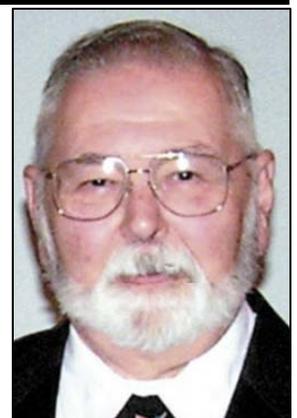
He had worked for twenty-five years as a Tool and Die Maker for Penco Tool Company until his retirement.

He is a member of the East Side Presbyterian Church; the Orion Lodge #353 F&AM; the Orion Chapter #12 Order of Eastern Star, where he was

Past Patron; the Cornerstone Club; the Ashtabula Model Railroad Club; he was past president of the Kingsville Area Little League; and he was a partner in the A.C. & J. Scenic Line Railroad.

He enjoyed Model Railroading, reading, and most of all he loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Surviving him are his wife, Catherine MacLearie Burnham, whom he married July 8, 1967; four sons, Charles A. Burnham of Ashtabula, Glendon J. (Patricia) Burnham of Ashtabula, Donald M. (Jessica Brown) Burnham of Ashtabula and David A. (Sara) Burnham of Gahanna; and seven grandchildren, Cassandra, Caitlyn, William, Alexandra, Joseph, Andrew and Aaron.



Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

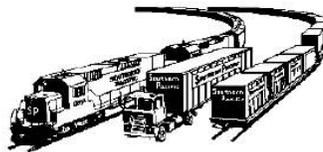
Monday, January 19, 2015

5 pm - 8 pm



Stadium Grill

8330 Tyler Blvd.
Mentor, Ohio 44060



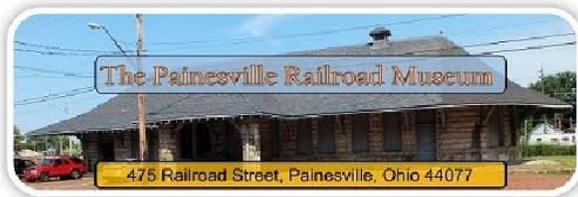
Menu:

- 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 to help the restoration and preservation of the historic Painesville Depot and bring her back to its glory days of the NYC.

For more information contact: **Lenny Kessler at 440-478-6661**
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**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. "and will be posted on Division 5 web page at www.mcr5.org"

The Painesville Railroad Museum will be holding a **Pasta Dinner fundraiser** at the **Stadium Grill** on Monday **January 19th, 2105** from 5 pm to 8 pm. Give Mom a break and bring her and the kids and have a good pasta dinner and help the Association restore and refurbish the landmark Painesville Railroad Depot. Also join in on one of their many rail-fanning days (*listed in their flyer on page ?*).

February Trainwire Deadline
January 15th.

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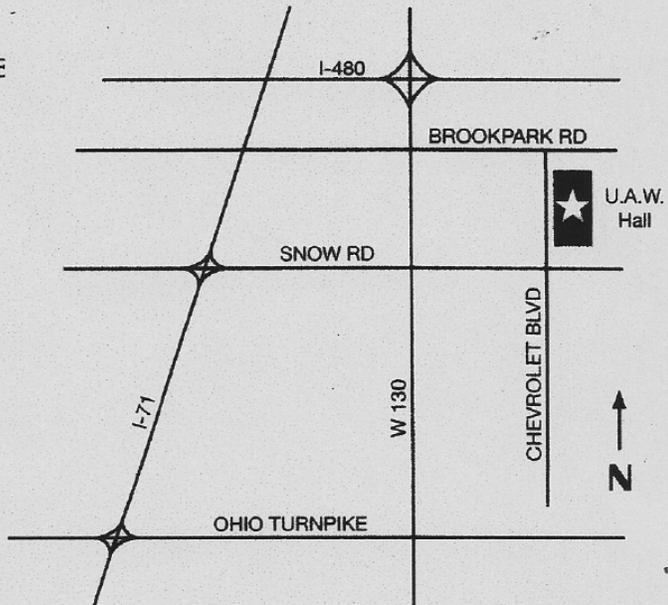
Saturday January 17, 2015

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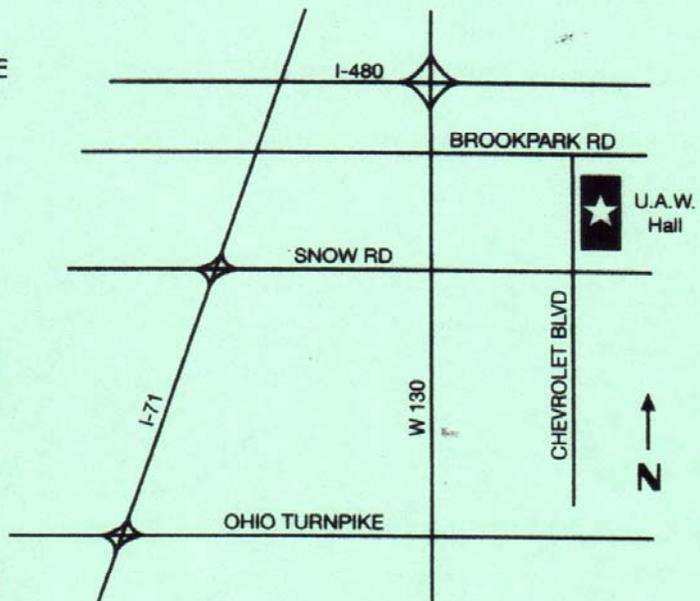
Saturday February 28, 2015

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



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2015 Railfanning Days

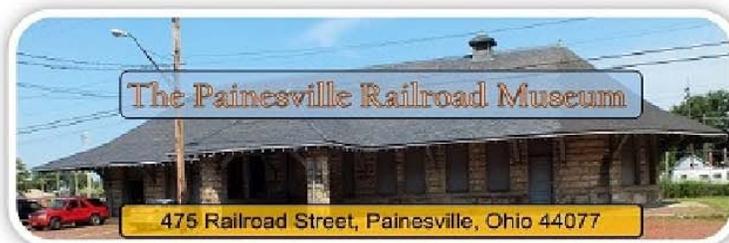
at

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

Saturday, May 16, 2015

Saturday, July 25, 2015

Sunday, September 13, 2015

Saturday, October 17, 2015

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Be sure to bring your Camera and a CHAIR!

Food and Drinks available

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