



# The Trainwire



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## Division 5 Losers Raffle at the Holiday Party

At the end of each year, we take all the losing raffle tickets from our Division meetings since the beginning of the year, dump them all together, and then draw 19 tickets. The prizes are Division Award Certificates in various dollar amounts, depending on the order your name is drawn. Thus, you have a second chance of winning something with your losing raffle tickets! Only one prize per member, though. Once your name has been drawn, you are not eligible for another prize. You do not have to be present to win. **Only Division 5 members are eligible.**

At the Division 5 Holiday Party on January 9<sup>th</sup>, the following members were the lucky winners in our annual Losers' Raffle. The number next to the name indicates the order in which the names were drawn. If you weren't at the party to receive your prize, Bonnie Lette will mail it to you.

- |                  |                   |                    |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Tom Carr      | 8. Doug Riedel    | 15. Rob Bowers     |
| 2. Matt Kross    | 9. Jim Davidson   | 16. Bruce Lutheran |
| 3. Bryan Persing | 10. Dave Barnes   | 17. Dave Neff      |
| 4. Bonnie Lette  | 11. Bob Gittinger | 18. Linda Kacprzak |
| 5. Don Thomas    | 12. Dennis Lloyd  | 19. Bill Berger    |
| 6. Ron Sieloff   | 13. Ken Stroebel  |                    |
| 7. Tony Spena    | 14. Rich Kacprzak |                    |



## Businesses Accepting Division 5 Certificates

*The businesses listed below are currently accepting Division 5's award certificates:*



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| Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys | Willoughby, Ohio |
| Hobby Town USA                       | Mentor, Ohio     |
| Train Specialty Company              | Chardon, Ohio    |
| Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters             | Geneva, Ohio     |



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## 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.

**February 6th, 2015**

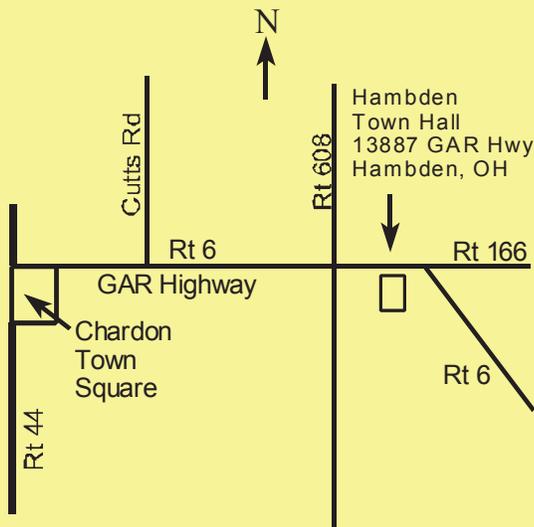
Location: Hambden Town Hall  
 Program: Building a Trestle Bridge (*Len Kessler*)  
 Bring & Brag: Bridges

**March 6th, 2015**

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

**April 3rd, 2015**

Location: Hambden Town Hall  
 Program: Southern Railroad Museum (*Bruce Lutheran*)  
 Bring & Brag: Locomotives



Map to Hambden Town Hall

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

<p><b>Division 5 BOD Meeting</b>                  Hambden Town Hall                  Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)</p>	<p><b>February 9</b></p>
<p><b>NETS Swap &amp; Trade Meect</b>                  First Church of Christ                  422 Mentor Ave.                  Painesville, Ohio 44077 (10am to 2 pm)</p>	<p><b>February 21</b></p>
<p><b>Train Show</b>                  UAW Hall, 4615 Chevrolet Blvd.                  Parma, Ohio 44130 (10am to 3 pm)</p>	<p><b>February 28</b></p>
<p><b>Division 5 BOD Meeting</b>                  Hambden Town Hall                  Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)</p>	<p><b>March 9</b></p>
<p><b>Division 5 Railfest 2015</b>                  Lakeland Community College                  Kirtland, Ohio 44094</p>	<p><b>March 14 &amp; 15</b></p>
<p><b>The Militaria Show</b>                  Lakeland Community College                  Kirtland, Ohio 44094</p>	<p><b>March 20 &amp; 21</b></p>

# NETS - SWAP & TRADE MEET



## All Scale Model Train Meet

### Saturday – February 21, 2015

### 10:00 am to 2:00 pm



First Church of Christ  
422 Mentor Ave., Painesville, Ohio 44077  
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# The Historic Railroad Exhibit at Century Village

By Linda Kacprzak

Recently, Rich and I visited Century Village in Burton, Ohio, where we saw the historic 1878 Aultman depot, B&O caboose C316, and a narrow-gauge train on the grounds (Figs. 1-3). We became interested in the history of the exhibit, and especially the original location of the depot. When I began researching the history of the station while it was in Aultman, however, I found conflicting data on railroad stations in the area and was intrigued by old newspaper headlines from the

*Canton Repository* that read “The Death of a Village” and “The Vanished Black Community of Aultman”. On my journey for information, I even went on an armchair round-trip ride on the Valley Railway between Cleveland and Canton—in 1880! As I “rode” through Aultman, I saw the train depot, several thriving industries, and a siding that led to a coal bank, courtesy of the *Guide Book for Tourists and Travelers over the Valley Railway from Cleveland to Canton Ohio, 1880*, facsimile copy reprinted in 2002 in cooperation with the

Cuyahoga Valley National Park and the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad.

The village of Aultman (population 1000 at its peak), which straddled the county line between Stark and Summit counties, no longer exists (Fig. 4). The 1878 Aultman (Greentown) station was located south of the intersection of the railroad and Greensburg Rd. in Summit County on the west side of the track in Aultman (Fig. 5). (Greensburg Rd. changes to State St. in Stark County at



**Fig. 1** 1878 Aultman Depot in Century Village in 2014



**Fig. 2** B&O Caboose C316



**Fig. 3** Narrow-Gauge Train

Aultman Rd., which runs parallel to the railroad track.) It was the station that served Greentown, which is up the hill 3/4 mile to the east in Stark County and Greensburg 2-1/2 miles to the west in Summit County. By 1895 the Valley Railway became part of the Cleveland Terminal and Valley Railroad (Fig. 6), and in 1915 it was purchased by the B&O Railroad. The railroad serviced

local industries in Aultman, mostly located in Stark County, including the Valley Sewer Pipe and Fire Brick Works and the Tile and Conduit Works (Fig. 7), which were later sold to the National Fireproofing Co. (NATCO). NATCO employed 500 people at its prime, recruiting workers from the south and providing them with company houses called “square” and “round” (Fig. 8), possibly made of silos manufactured by

NATCO. When concrete conduits became cheaper to produce, business diminished over a 30-year period until the company went bankrupt in 1963. By then, most of the people had moved out of Aultman to find new employment. The facility and houses were all torn down shortly after the bankruptcy, and nothing remains in the area today.

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**Fig. 4** Former site of Aultman in 2014, looking west

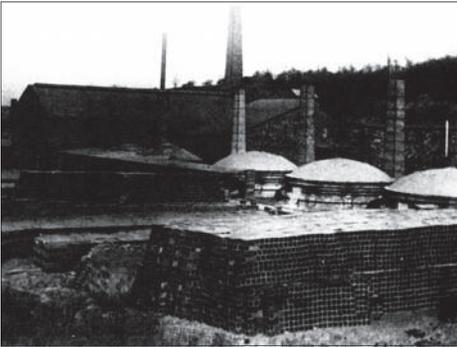


**Fig. 5** Former site of depot on right, looking south



**Fig. 6** Aultman Station in 1910

# Historic Railroad Exhibit cont....



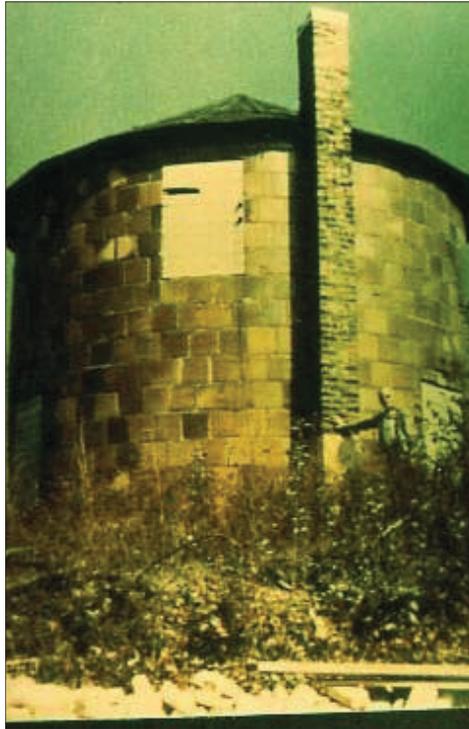
**Fig. 7** Tile Works in 1907

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The B&O station (Fig. 9), which was formerly the hub of the businesses in town, was unused and scheduled to be torn down in 1967. After some negotiations, the B&O Railroad offered the station free to the Geauga County Historical Society and even transported it to Middlefield at no cost, but members of the GCHS plus ten Amish carpenters had to first disassemble the station in Aultman and load it into available railroad cars (Figs. 10-11). The dismantled station was lost in transit, and weeks passed before the cars were found on a siding in Middlefield. The pieces had been mistaken for rubbish by yard workers. The Geauga County maintenance department transferred the "debris" to the museum grounds. Another three years passed before it was



**Fig. 10** Tearing down the depot in Aultman in 1967 (photo courtesy of Nancy Wilson)



**Fig. 8** NATCO Company House

reconstructed from memory, because no blueprints or plans were available. The caboos on display was added to the exhibit in 1971 (Fig. 12). It is from series C-1-C399, Class C-1, initial GCZ, number 316, and was one of 109 caboos built between 1913 and 1918 by the B&O Railroad. It was purchased in Chillicothe, Ohio and moved to Middlefield by rail. From there the caboos was transported to Century Village in Burton on two flat-bed trailer trucks. Unfortu-



**Fig. 11** Loading sections into railcars in 1967 (photo courtesy of Nancy Wilson)



**Fig. 9** 2 Views of Aultman Station in Aultman in 1964 (photos by Edwin Kirstatter)

nately, the planned addition of an engine and railcars to the new attraction never materialized. Century Village is open daily and is free to walk the grounds and see the exhibit.

Afterthought: A village comprising a major tile industry with kilns, unusual company houses, a siding to a coal bank, and a large grain elevator, plus two railroads (the B&O and the Wheeling and Lake Erie) and the interurban (Northeast Ohio Traction & Light Co., later renamed Northeast Ohio Power & Light) going through the surrounding area, would make this an interesting model railroad layout.



**Fig. 12** Reconstructed Aultman depot with caboos in Century Village in 1971 (photo courtesy of Jeannette Grosvenor)



# Railfest 2015



Saturday and Sunday  
March 14 & 15, 2015  
10 am to 4 pm  
Buy – Sell – Trade



## Lakeland Community College

Kirtland, Ohio 44094

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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](http://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](http://www.mcr5.org)"

**Wanted**

**T**he 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.

**March Trainwire Deadline  
 February 15th.**

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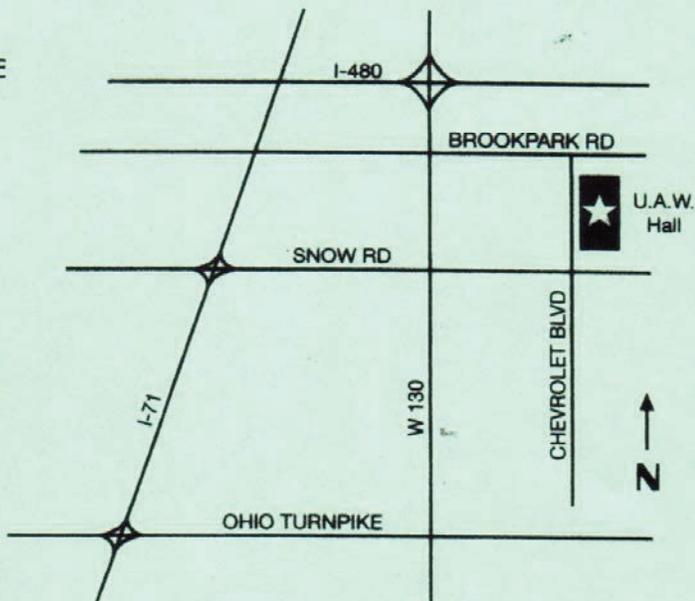
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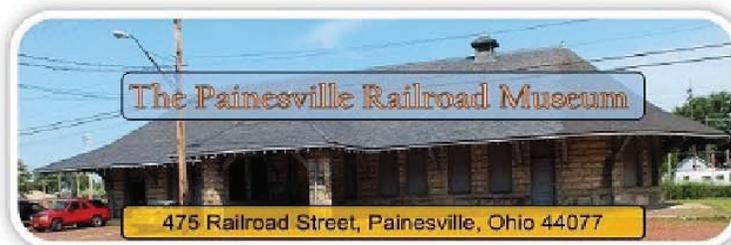
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