



The Trainwire



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Superintendent's Report

Model Railroading IT

In today's new world of model railroading, electronic technology and technology-transmitted information has come front and center. Digital Command Control systems and decoders for locomotives, complex signal systems, and computer controlled functions with exotic acronyms such as JMRI, CMRI, Aduino etc have become commonplace with advanced model railroaders. Sort of leaves the old guard behind (and I include myself in this description) with traditional tinsplate, Lionel, O and S scale and HO, N and Z scale railroads as well. Recall Bob Orlando's question at the last meeting on signal wiring. Virtually everyone (well almost everyone) uses the internet to some degree, browsing model railroad sites, YouTube videos sent to us by friends, etc.

There is a plethora of useful and how-to-do information on the web---if you only

know how to access it. And there is also much good information on more mundane non-electronic information such as layout construction, track laying, scenery, kit building, etc, etc, etc. However, there's almost *too much web-based information!* How do you sort through all of the web listings to get to the few topic articles that are the most relevant-- and most importantly-- easy to understand, without wading through dozens of listings?

This situation poses a couple key questions:

- ✿ If 'someone' would digest at least some of the more popular and important model railroad sites on the web and if we were to publish those as our own Division website links, or even a listing print-out for hand-out as a ready reference, would you actually use these?

- ✿ If we were to *purchase* or otherwise gain access to useful how-to DVD's on key modeling subjects and make them into a '*lending library*' would you actually use these?



Dave Neff – Superintendent
 Division 5
 NMRA – Mid Central Region

I'm told in the past VCR days that such a program that was available to Division members died maybe a not-so-slow death.

Come with your thoughts on these questions to the March Meeting and prepare to discuss! If the consensus is 'yes, let's do *something*', then we'll find some way to pursue this issue.

Dave,
 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.

March 6th, 2015

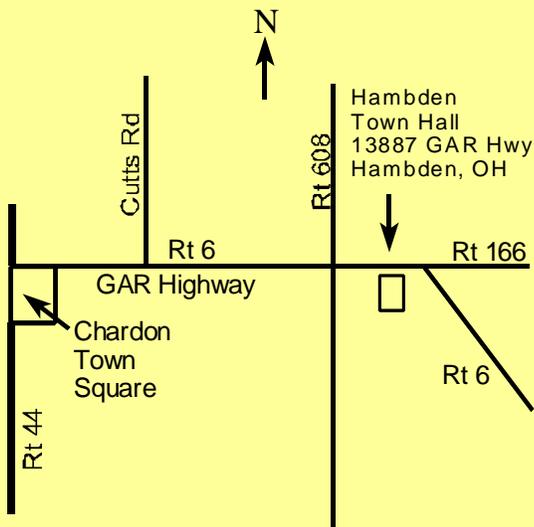
Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: Narrow Gauge Modeling (*Ted Wiese*)
Bring & Brag: Narrow gauge, off-scale

April 3rd, 2015

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

May 1st, 2015

Location: Farmpark
Program: Building an Ethanol Plant (*Ron Morgan*)
Bring & Brag: Granaries, grain hoppers



Map to Hambden Town Hall

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Train Show	February 28
UAW Hall, 4615 Chevrolet Blvd. Parma, Ohio 44130 (<i>flyer on page 10</i>)	
Division 5 BOD Meeting	March 9
Hambden Town Hall Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)	
Division 5 Railfest 2015	March 14 & 15
Lakeland Community College Kirtland, Ohio 44094 (<i>flyer on page 7</i>)	
Railfest 2015 Dinner	March 14
Pine Ridge Country Club 30601 Ridge Rd. (Rt. 84) Wickliffe, Ohio 44092 (<i>flyer on page 9</i>)	
The Militaria Show	March 20 & 21
Lakeland Community College Kirtland, Ohio 44094 (<i>flyer on page 10</i>)	
Kidz Day Show	March 21 & 22
Great Lakes Mall Mentor, Ohio 44060	
Dalton Train Show	March 22
624 Henry Street Dalton, Ohio 44618 (<i>flyer on page 10</i>)	
Division 5 BOD Meeting	April 6
Hambden Town Hall Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)	
Rails in the Park	May 1
Farmpark Kirtland, Ohio 44094	

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2014

Meeting was called to order by **Superintendent Dave Neff** at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. 27 members and 4 guests were present.

We were informed that there is a group that is actively trying to save the old **New York Central Railroad depot** in Ashtabula.

The membership was encouraged to send in their NMRA national and **Mid Central Region ballots**. Information was presented about the **MCR regional convention** in Lexington, KY on May 14 – 17. Upcoming **February activities** of local clubs were presented.

Railfest 2015 planning activities were reviewed by Jim Wendorf. We still have about 50 tables left of the 420 available. The following are the times that we can get into the rooms for setup each day: Thursday 2 pm (until about 6 pm) to set up tables, Friday from noon to 8 pm, Saturday 7 am, and Sunday 8 am. Sunday teardown will be from 4 pm to 6 pm. We need people to stay after the show closes to help vendors move their merchandise to their vehicles.

If you want to sell items at the **Division 5 sales table at Railfest**, you must fill out a table form. This form is available on the Division 5 website, will be in the March Trainwire, and at the March Division 5 meeting. Gary Shaffer, Dick Naramore, and Rich Kacprzak will be the coordinators for the sales table.

A group is still trying to put together a trip to the **North Platte Railfest** on Sep 18-20. The plan is to travel by Amtrak. Cost would be around \$710 per person and would include transportation and lodging. More details as they are available.

Division 5 will have a booth at the **Great Lakes Mall Kid's Show** on Mar 21-22. Times will be Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday from noon to 5 pm. We need people to man the booth in 2 hour blocks. A sign-up sheet will be at the March meeting.

A possible **operating session** on Jerry Albers layout in Cincinnati has been postponed until nicer weather.

Modeling Question: How do you wire signals and semaphores? **No easy answer**

Depends whether you want the trains setting the signals for **automatic control** or if you want the dispatcher to manually set the signals to control the train movement. Do a Google search – there is a tremendous amount of information on the web for this topic. YouTube has numerous **video how-to's**. Check out the websites of some of the major model railroad signal suppliers such as Oregon Rail Supply. **It's a lot of work**. The secret is to start small and then build on that.

Bring & Brag: Theme – *Bridges*

Bill Berger	Linda Kacprzak	Ted Wiese	Bryan Persing	Bob Orlando
Matt Kross	Dave Neff	Steve Kaplan	Tom Pescha	Paul Chapple

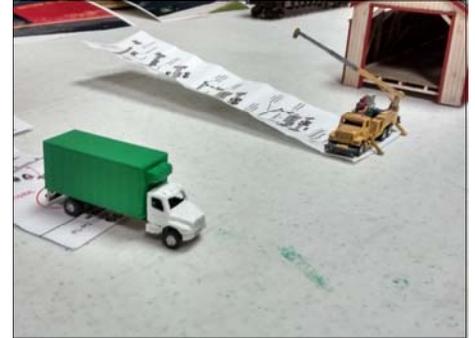
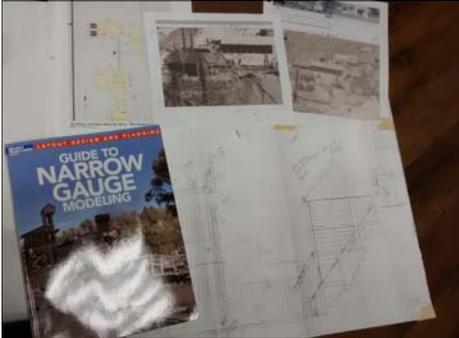
Program: Lenny Kessler provided a demonstration of how he builds **wood railroad trestles** of various shapes and sizes. He demonstrated his construction techniques, talked about the materials and tools he uses, and had pictures of the many trestles he has built over the years.

Submitted by

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Pictures from the February Meeting

Photos by: Ron Sieloff



Next Division 5 Meeting March 6, 2014.

Division 5 BOD Meeting

February 9, 2014

A Division 5 **BOD meeting** was held on February 9, 2015 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Dave Neff, Dale Smith, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Matt Kross, Bob Gittinger, Jim Wendorf, Ted Wiese, Lenny Kessler, Bob Frieden, and Tom Pescha.

There was some discussion about ways we can use some of our savings to **help educate our members** and the public. Some ideas included trips to train related museums, creating a “how-to” video library, providing a catalog of “how-to” videos available on the web and links to helpful websites.

Reviewed upcoming events, programs, and Bring & Brag topics.

Railfest 2015 is coming together. We are having a little trouble filling the remaining 40 tables and may consider having an additional display layout instead of the tables. This year the **Lake Shore Live Steamers** will be able to have some of their cars on display in Gym C. Not getting many people to sign up for the dinner and box lunches.

The Division 5 booth at the **Kid’s Show** at the Great Lakes Mall needs lots of help from the Division members. We will have NMRA and Division 5 literature to handout. We will have at least one operating layout there. Show setup on Friday, March 20, 2015 is after 9:00 pm. Saturday, March 21, 2015: Setup 9:00 am to 10 am. (Must enter through Food Court, East side of mall.) The table only comes with only ONE (1) chair, so plan on bringing your own chair! Show hours 10 am to 6 pm. Sunday, March 22, 2015: Show Hours 10 am to 5 pm. Tear Down, 5 pm to 6 pm. All exhibits must be removed from Great Lakes Mall by 6:00 pm.

Five HO cars were sold recently. We have enough HO cars left to use for the **Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge** workshop in May.

Division 5 member Ken Stroebel will be running the **Railroading merit badge workshop** this May.

The next Div 5 BOD meeting will be March 9, 2015 at 7:30pm at Hambden Town Hall.

Submitted by

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Division 5 Fleamarket Table Item Rules

If you want to make use of the Division fleamarket table at Railfest, you **MUST** fill out the form on the other side of this sheet. Use as many copies of the form as needed to list **ALL** the items you are selling. Each item on the table must have a sticker that contains the member’s initials and a sequence number corresponding to the items on the form. Multiple items, bagged or boxed, are only counted as one item if they are being sold as a set.

Please keep prices in even dollar increments (\$1, \$2, \$3, etc.) if at all possible. This makes it a lot easier for the people manning the table to make change and handle the money.

Also, **you need to provide a Business Size envelope** to put the money in from the sales of your items. Mark your name clearly on the envelope. You also need to put some money in the envelope to allow the people manning the table to use for making change. We would like at least ten \$1 bills in the envelope. Please mark on the envelope the amount of money you provided for making change.



Railfest 2015



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



Lakeland Community College

Kirtland, Ohio 44094
State Rt. 306 at Interstate 90 – exit 193

Operating Layouts

N Scale Layouts
(LENS)

HO Scale layout
(LG HO G)

S Scale & American
Flyer
(Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge
Association)

Lionel O Gauge
LGB G Gauge

Live Steam Display
(Lake Shore Live Steam)

Features

- Dealers
- RR Flea market
- Exhibitors
- Operating Layouts
- Video Tapes
- Historical Displays
- Train Ride Info
- Food Service Available

Admission	\$7.00
Two Day Pass	\$12.00
Family (couples)	\$12.00
Family (max)	\$12.00
<i>(Adults with Children under 18)</i>	
Food Service Available at reasonable prices	

For Information Write:

NMRA MCR Division 5
PO Box 5081
Mentor, Ohio 44060

Phone: (440) 357-8890
Phone: (440) 478-6661

Email: railfest@mcr5.org



Free Parking

Free Shuttle Bus
9:30am – 4:30pm

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MCR – Division 5 Event

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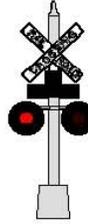


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Railfest 2015

Box Lunch



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This year we will once again be offering Box Lunches. These will be delivered to the main show lobby for your pick-up.

You will have the following choices of Box Lunches.

Choice of:

1. Italian Sub
2. Turkey & Cheese on Kaiser roll
3. Veggie Wrap



Sides choice of: A. Potato Salad B. Pasta Salad

All Box Lunches include chips and a cookie for only **\$6.00 each**
Pop and water will be available on the carts for additional cost.

Make your Checks out to **RAILFEST**

Mail check and order form to:
Bob Frieden
9695 Chillicothe Road
Kirtland, Ohio 44094

If you have any questions, Call Bob at 440-256-8141



Your order must be received by **March 1**

Cut and Return

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Box Lunch Order Form

Business Name / Contact _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Cell Phone: _____

Check # _____

Please return this part only

SAT	Italian Sub	Turkey & Cheese	Veggie Wrap
	Potato Salad Pasta Salad	Potato Salad Pasta Salad	Potato Salad Pasta Salad
SUN	Italian Sub	Turkey & Cheese	Veggie Wrap
	Potato Salad Pasta Salad	Potato Salad Pasta Salad	Potato Salad Pasta Salad



———— Railfest 2015 ————

2nd Annual Railfest Dinner ❀ March 14, 2015

Will be held at Pine Ridge Country Club
30601 Ridge Rd., Rt. 84, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092
Five miles west of College

TIME

Saturday night, 5pm March 14, 2015

PRICE

\$20.00 per person

SPEAKER & SUBJECT

Nickel Plate R.R. - Gone But Not Forgotten by Tom Pappas

RESERVATION DEADLINE

Monday, March 1, 2015

FAMILY STYLE DINNER MENU

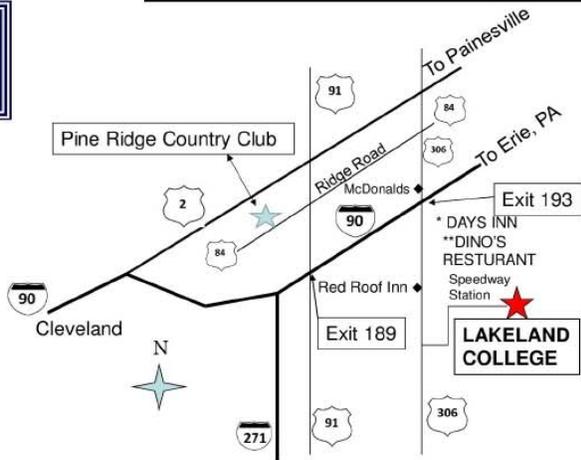
- Tossed Green Salad
- Italian and Ranch Dressing on the side
- Grilled lemon Chicken
- Roast Beef
- Sugar Snap Peas and Baby Carrots
- Oven-Roasted Redskin Potatoes

Beverages Stations:

- Pots of Coffee - Pots of Decaf Coffee
- Pitchers of Coke - Pitchers of Diet Coke
- Coffee Condiments: Creamer, Sugar, Sweeteners



Direction to Pine Ridge Country Club
 Exit college, turn right (North) onto Rt. 306
 Rt. 306 north to I-90, left turn onto I-90 (west)
 Take I-90 to next exit, Rt. 91 (exit 189)
 Turn right onto Rt. 91 (north)
 First light turn left (around water tower)
 Next light turn left (west) onto Ridge Rd., Rt. 84
 Pine Ridge Country Club is on right ¼ mile.



This Dinner is open to any one that is interested in model railroading or trains in general.

Cut and Return

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Please mail back with Separate Check for the Buffet by March 2, 2015.
 (Check will be held & deposited March 16, 2015)
 Make Checks payable to: **Railfest**

Print you name: _____ Amount Enclosed _____
Please list and Print all Attending

Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Check # _____

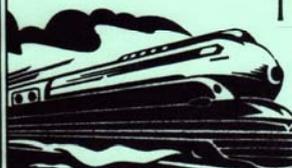
Mail to: Bob Frieden, 9695 Chillicothe Rd., Kirtland, Ohio 44094

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the great lakes division
TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION
TRAIN MEET
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All TCA National Division Chapter Rules will be enforced.

ADMISSION \$6.00 Each \$8.00 Family Children Free
Open to the public 10 am - 3 pm

For Meet Information Call **Ed Mularz (440) 665-0882**



Militaria Collectors Show

Presented by the Lakeland Community College Police Department



March 2015 in the main gym
Friday, **March 20, 2015** 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, **March 21, 2015** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

March 2016 in the main gym
Friday, **March 25, 2016** 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, **March 26, 2016** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Admission per Show
\$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children

Table Reservations
\$20 per table or \$50 for three tables

BUY * SELL * SWAP

Public Welcome - Free Parking

No firearms or ammunition will be permitted at the show.

For more information, please visit our website at
www.lakelandmilitaryshow.info
or contact Dean Becker at Lakeland Campus Police 440-525-7241
Email: dbecker@lakelandcc.edu Facebook: www.facebook.com/militaryshow

Lakeland Community College
7700 Clocktower Dr., Kirtland, Ohio 44094
Athletic & Fitness Center (AFC) Main Gym - Interstate 90 and Rt. 306 (South)

The college in no way endorses any specific political or religious idea.
All items presented at this show are historical collectibles or antiques and are presented in that aspect only.

Jon Ulbright presents the 14th



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10:00 AM - 4:00 PM • Admission: Adults \$5.00 • Children 12 and under FREE

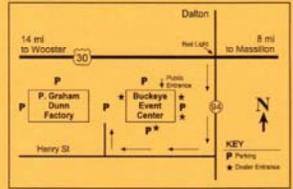
Buckeye Event Center

624 Henry Street
Dalton, Ohio 44618

No "pack-up" before 4 p.m.

Rules for Dealers:

1. Dealers will set up between 8:00 AM and 9:45 AM. (Sat. set up 5-9 PM)
2. Dealers will accept full responsibility for any injuries or loss to them or their property while attending the show(s). Dealers expressly release the promoters (CJ Trains) and Buckeye Event Center from any liability and agree to hold promoters harmless therefore.
3. All monies will be refunded for each show that a dealer is unable to attend because of illness or vehicular problems. If unable to attend because of any other reason(s), the dealer must let CJ Trains know one week prior to the show in writing.
4. There is to be nothing attached to the walls or floor.
5. If for any reason the show is cancelled, all sums will be refunded.



6. All boxes and storage material must be placed directly under the tables. No loose material is to be left in the aisles or unattended. Electricity is available if ordered in advance (3-pronged outlet) at no additional cost.
7. All loading and unloading of material, exhibits, and etc. are to be done at the designated entrances.
8. No smoking inside and no alcohol on premises.
9. No "Pack-up" before 4 PM.

Please Print Please return this form with check

I would like _____ tables at \$25.00 each = \$ _____
Free coffee for Dealers till 10:00 AM, courtesy of CJ Trains.

All table orders must be paid for by March 14, 2015.
Table orders NOT paid for by this date will be released to those dealers on the waiting list.

Name _____
Phone _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Email _____

Make checks payable to: CJ Trains
c/o Jon Ulbright
941 Buchholz
Wooster, Ohio 44691
www.cjtrains.com

Call after 6:00 PM
Jon Ulbright
(330) 262-7488
e-mail: cathjon@assnet.com
Greater Wayne County - Spring 2015



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



475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

THE DEPOT OPENED IN 1893 FOR THE
LAKE SHORE AND MICHIGAN SOUTHERN LINE
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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
216-905-0198
prmm@att.net
www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org







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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"

Wanted

The 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.

**April Trainwire Deadline
 March 15th.**

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