



# The Trainwire



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## Superintendent's Report

### Spring has Sprung!

After a cold cruel winter, it's time to dust off the garden tools and look to outdoor activities. But you know the Cleveland area--we're not out of the woods just yet. So there is still time to tackle the model railroad projects, especially with more natural light coming in to our basement windows. Any you might consider putting in a small length or loop of G scale track and running a train outdoors when the weather finally breaks. And let's face it, as the outdoor honey-do list grows, we need to have some alternative fun to compensate for all the non-

railroad work that needs to be put in.

There are a number of Railroad events coming up - look at the flyers advertised in the Trainwire. And of course excursion runs beckon, on tourist trains within driving distance from Northeast Ohio. We're still looking into a trip to Age of Steam roundhouse in Baltic (near Sugar Creek) and of course there may be another trip or two before the end of the year.

Hope to see everyone at the April meeting (change in program with Rich Kazcperzak), the May program at Farmpark (Ron Morgan of Division 4 on Ethanol Plants), and June with



Dave Neff – Superintendent  
Division 5  
NMRA – Mid Central Region

Dennis Sautters (Division 10) on track inspection vehicles.

*Dave* - Superintendent



### 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!

## 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.

### April 3rd, 2015

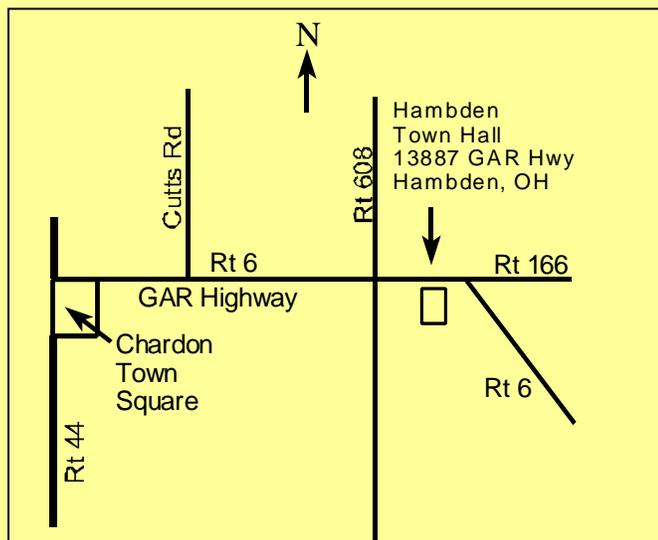
Location: Hambden Town Hall  
Program: "The B & O Lake Branch" *Fairport to Youngstown*  
Bring & Brag: Locomotives (Rich Kacprzak)

### May 1st, 2015

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

### June 5th, 2015

Location: Hambden Town Hall  
Program: Track Maint. & Inspec. Vehicles (Dennis Sautters)  
Bring & Brag: Speeders, MOW



Map to Hambden Town Hall

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Division 5 BOD Meeting** April 13  
Hambden Town Hall  
Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)

**Rails in the Park** May 1  
Farmpark  
Kirtland, Ohio 44094

**Division 5 BOD Meeting** May 11  
Hambden Town Hall  
Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)

**Railfanning Day** May 16  
The Painesville Railroad Museum  
475 Railroad Street  
Painesville, Ohio 44077

# Division 5 Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2015

Meeting was called to order by **Superintendent Dave Neff** at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. 23 members and 7 guests were present.

**Railfest 2015** update was provided by chairman Jim Wendorf. We will have 420 tables of vendors/exhibitors and eleven layouts. Lots of help is needed for setup, vendor unloading/loading, and the **NMRA** table. Otherwise, everything is proceeding smoothly.

**The Kids Day show** at Great Lakes Mall is the weekend after Railfest. We need a lot of help to man our booth.

The May **Division 5 meeting** will be at Lake Farmpark. The meeting won't start until 8:00 pm to give the modular layout groups time to set up. The program will be on Ethanol Plants presented by Ron Morgan of Division 4. We will again be helping with the Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Workshop on Saturday. Ken Stroebel will be running the workshop in Andy Baker's absence. We will need people to help the scouts assemble their HO railroad car kits during one of the morning sessions.

The **Division 5 picnic** will be on Saturday, August 8, at the Painesville Depot.

Reminder that the **Mid Central Region convention** is coming up on May 14 – 17 in Lexington, KY.

**Bring & Brag:** Theme – Narrow Gauge

Bill Berger	Alan Arthur	Ted Wiese
Bob Gittinger	Bob Orlando	Matt Kross
Dave Neff	Dave Metzger	Bill Osborne
Paul Chapple		

**Program:** Ted Wiese provided a program about the origins of prototype narrow gauge railroading.

*Submitted by*

**Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk**

# Pictures from Railfest 2015

Photos by: Tom Pescha



**R**AILFEST 2015 was another considerable success. Over four thousand people attended this annual event, possibly the biggest **Train Show** in *Northeastern Ohio*. There were over four hundred tables of merchandise for sale and eleven operating model train layouts for the delight of kids of all ages. Already looking forward to.....

**RAILFEST 2016!**





# Kids Day at the Mall

Photos by: Tom Pescha



**K**ids Day was held at the **Great Lakes Mall** on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 and drew a lot of attention from the busy shoppers. Division 5 set up the booth in the Mall to promote model railroading and membership in the NMRA. *Job well done.*



# Trail of the FP & E Box Car

By Rich Kacprzak



**Fig. 1** 1 FP&E 400 box car



**Fig. 2** 2 cars at end of line



**Fig. 3** 400 at end of line

In 1973 the Fairport Painesville & Eastern RR bought a box car from the N & W RR. It was originally a Wabash RR car which the N & W acquired when it took over the Wabash. The FP & E needed the box car for moving partial loads from one department to another because other railroads didn't like it that

their cars were being used by the FP & E for revenue service without compensation. When the FP & E shut down and sold off their equipment, the Ashtabula, Carson & Jefferson bought engine 107 along with the 400 box car (fig. 1) in 1984. For years the AC & J stored this car and several others at the end of the line south of Jefferson (fig. 2 - 4). These cars were occasionally

used for temporary storage. Last year the AC & J decided to move the cars because of a need to store items near the engine house. The cars were pulled out using a backhoe, the trucks were removed, and the car was repainted (strange color); it now sits across the track from the engine house (fig. 5 - 6).



**Fig. 4** 400 at end of line



**Fig. 5** 400 repainted near engine



**Fig. 6** 400 repainted near engine house

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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](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.

**May Trainwire Deadline  
 April 15th.**

# The Trainwire Newsletter

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# 2015 Railfanning Days

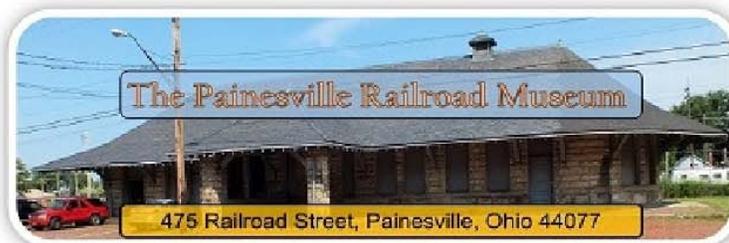
at

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  
LAKE SHORE AND MICHIGAN SOUTHERN LINE**

**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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